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By Quentin Peel in Brusselt

EUROPEAN retaliation for threat-

ened US tariff increases on key

food and drink exports such as gin.

brandy, white wine, cheese, tinned

ham and olives could be finalised

within two weeks, setting the scene

for outright trade hostilities in Feb-

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Marid news Business summary

Offer fails Saudi to satisfy French strikers deficit

Further concessions to the strikers, including the withdrawal of controversial new merit-linked pay scales, failed to end the two-week conflict crippling France's railway

Rail services yesterday were reduced to their lowest level since the strike began. But the Government refuses to yield on the 3 per cent limit it has set on public-sector pay rises. Page 10

Afghan ceasefire

Afghan leader Najibullah ordered a ceasefire from January 15 in the seven-year war between his Mos-cow-backed Government and Moslem guerrillas, Kabul Radio report-ed. But the main guerrilla alliance rejected it. Page 2

Hotel fire kills 41

Puerto Rican officials are investigating the possibility of arson in a New Year's Eve fire at a hunry beachfront hotel which killed at least 41 people and left more than 100 in hospital. Survivors said they heard explosions and the sound of breaking glass before they saw smoke from the fire.

Reagan talk jammed

The Soviet Union broadcast part of President Reagan's New Year address on Moscow Radio, but the US embassy in Moscow said that his original address on Voice of America was heavily jammed. Page 2

Tehran blames US

An Iranian official blamed the suspension of financial talks with US representatives at The Hague on a unilateral and abrupt decision by

Contras investigated

A US Congressional committee is investigating allegations that Con-tra rebels in Nicaragua have been involved in cocaine smuggling and gun-running. Page 2

Dublin gas blasts

Two people died and three were missing after two suspected gas explosions ripped through a Dublin block of flats. Five firemen were hurt by falling masonry as they searched through rubble.

Cardinal apologises

Cardinal John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, apologised to Israe-lis for a controversy caused when he cancelled meetings with government leaders in Jerusalem on Vati-can orders. He said at the start of a five-day visit that the fault was his for failing to understand protocol.

Niger President ill

President Seyni Kountche of Niger was rushed to Paris overnight for emergency medical treatment, the French Foreign Ministry said. Kountche, 55, as reported to have suffered a cerebral baemorrhage.

Greeks get VAT

(VAT) on goods and services, rang-ing from 6 per cent on wine and dairy produce to 36 per cent on huxuries, including coffee and cigarettes.

Premier chases thief

Dutch Prime Minister Rund Lubbers chased through the streets of Rotterdam after a thief who had broken into his wife's car. He and him over to police.

Mugabe promise

Although Zimbabwe failed to meet its self-imposed December 31 deadline for imposing economic sanc-tions against South Africa, Prime Minister Robert Mugabe says sanc-tions will be implemented "soon."

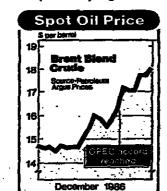
Sorry, wrong year

The Bonn Government has demended an apology from West Ger-many's main television network for broadcasting a New Year message by Chancellor Helmut Kohl that was a year out of date. It ended with him wishing the nation "a peaceful 1986. Page 2

budget projects

SAUDI ARABIA'S long delayed budget is the first in the Kingdom's history to project a deficit, envisaging a revenue shortfall of the equivalent of \$14hn and amounting to 31 per cent of planned expenditure.

AUSTRALIAN takeover battle between Robert Holmes à Court and Rupert Murdoch for control of the Herald and Weekly Times newspa-per and broadcasting group heated up when Holmes à Court raised his bid by 50 cents to A\$12.50 a share. His ASI3 offer last week was in response to Murdoch's bid of A\$12 a month ago. The Heraki board meets today to decide between the bids, which value the group at about AS2bn (USS1.34bn). Page 19



OIL: Spot prices for the North Sea's Brent crude stayed at about \$18 a barrel in thin trading on December 31. Markets remained confident that the Opec agreement to aim for a fixed price of \$18 would sustain prices in the short term. Commodities markets, Page 14

SINGAPORE economy grew 1.9 per cent last year in a recovery from the recession of 1985, Premier Lee Knan Yew said. Page 2

FRANCE has awarded a FFr 950m (\$144m) concessionary loan to In-donesia tied to French project costs in the country. Page 3

STOCKHOLM Stock Exchange has suspended dealing in shares of Fer-menta, the troubled antibiotics and animal healthcare group, until fur-fher notice because financial information provided by the company is insufficient to allow a correct valuation of the shares. Page 11

electronic components group, cut its losses in the second quarter to \$5.7m, compared with \$38.8m a year earlier, but suffered a setback compared with its first quarter when losses were reduced to \$1.4m.

FIRST Chicago, US banking group, is to pay \$247m for Beneficial Na-tional Bank USA, the credit card operation of Beneficial, a struggling consumer finance concern. Page 11

BANK Happalim, the Israeli bank, has paid \$90m for a subsidiary of Solel Boneh, the debt-laden civil engineering group. The deal will help Solel meet asset-sale deadlines im-Greece introduced value-added tax posed under a rescue programme (VAT) on goods and services, rangernment. Page 11

> BZW, investment banking arm of Barclays, the UK banking group, is to establish a securities operation in the Netherlands and become a member of the Amsterdam Stock Erchange, Page 11

AUSTIN Rover, volume car division of Britain's state-owned Rover mo-tor group, is seeking a government injection of more than \$400m (\$587m) to cover loss new investment, Page 10

PRARSON, industrial banking and reassum, industrial banking and publishing group, which owns the Financial Times, said yesterday it had disposed of the last and biggest part of its Fairey engineering arm through a £51m (\$73m) management buy-out. Page 3

SINGAPORE hotel interests of Tan Sri Khoo Teck Pust, the entrepre-neur involved in a financial tangle with the National Bank of Brunei

China students in mass protest on arrests

ABOUT 4,000 university students home, while 200 to 300 pressed on acy and a new political group allemanched through Peking streets through freshly fallen snow to the godly seeking to overthrow comeaniy today and demanded the recase of the protesters detained by police at a demonstration yester-

day.

The students sang the Interna-tionale and chanted release our friends" as they walked towards the city centre.

After having swept through several lines of police, the mass of

students halted at an intersection in the west of the city, where they were addressed by Peking Universi-ty's vice-chancellor, Shi Jianxin, who said the detained students had been released 30 minutes earlier and pleaded with them to return to

their campus dormitories.

The study body was in two minds. with the majority happy to have won the release of the students and a minority wanting to press on to Tiananmen Square scene of yester-day's demonstration. After about 20 tes of indicision, the bulk of students began the two-hour walk

Police had been instructed not to arrest the marchers, even though they were flouting a new law requiring march organisers to give police five days' notice of a planned at Tianammen, the protest-arrest chain reaction could easily have become uncontrollable.

The students' victory in securing an assurance of the freedom of those arrested is likely to intensify the pressure within the Govern-ment to take a tougher line against protesters. As such, the Govern-ment has suffered a severe loss of face, and conservative officials are likely to stress that fact.

The communist Government has of the democracy movement and blamed the protest yesterday on a and, until lines of police were or-few agitators. It claims to have un-dered to clear the entire square, it covered Taiwanese backed conspir- appeared that the planned protest

and "reactionaries" in the Commundemonstration. If the police had ist Party who, the students say, are continued the pattern of arrests set attempting to slow the country's at Tiananmen, the protest-arrest ambitious freform programme. The Chinese press this week has carried statements from several

> ticised "bourgeois liberalism" and the stress on "commodity produc-tion" at the expense of ideology. Students gathered in the morning on the fringe of Tiananmen Square, most of which was cordoned off by police and had been watered earlier so that a new layer of slippery ice would hinder protesters in the subzero temperatures. Small groups of students walked around the fringe

would not get off the ground. When the police moved, a crush resulted, and several hundred pro-

But the students' banners yester-day called for the "protection of Deng Xiaoping," the Chinese leadtesters surged through the police lines, they pushed towards the monent to people's heroes, an obelisk in the centre of the square, where they were confronted by more police and where one or two protesters were arrest lents were dragged along the ice and hauled into waiting police

conservative officials, who have cri-

Student expectations had been

and were eventually forced towards a huge portrait of the late Mac-Tse Tung at the entrance to the Forbidden City.

The Government last night blamed a "few trouble makers who

timed to chant "you can't arrest us'

will be investigated according to law," some of whom were taken

have been given about what kind of reform it has in mind.

buses, while police cameramen filmed the demonstrators, who con-

The campus campaign has in-cluded successive demonstrations in Shanghai and 10 other cities, and the surfacing of hundreds of protest posters. The campaign reached a new high with the Peking protest, which the Government tried to stop and counselling on campus.

One 23-year-old Peking Universi-ty politics student at Tiananmen Square yesterday said he was committed to supporting the campaign because he believed in freedom of the press and because students should keep up the momentum of

prepared to go to jail for their be-liefs, which are often not clearly defined. The students want the political system to be more representa-tive and demand a freer press, but they are vague about exactly what kind of political system they want. Continued on Page 10

An Indian youth was stabbed to

death after angry passengers from a train delayed at signals rampaged through a campaite at Winkelspruit, south of Durban.

In a separate incident, police

an a separate measure, poster used teargas and shotgums to dis-perse a mob looting an lee cream klock on a beach reserved for blacks in Durban. Seven people

segregated parliament could then take place within the same five-

The Government has now de

cided to hold elections in the white

House of Assembly only. This re-

flects belief that electoral support

for right-wing white parties has de-

fiance of US and other foreign pres-

At the same time it does not want

to risk a repeat performance of the

1984 elections to the coloured and

Indian houses which were marred

by violent opposition, boycotts and

ernment's timetable for "an evolu-

In his New Year address Mr Bot-

were injured.

year span.

raised by Government talk of "political reform", although few details

BY ANTHONY ROBINSON IN CAPE TOWN

LEADERS of South Africa's main

white opposition parties have wel-comed President P. W. Botha's an-

nouncement in his New Year add-

ress to the nation that elections for white voters would be held later

Mr Botha said in a television in-

terview that he had several dates in mind but that the final decision

would be announced on January 30

at the opening of parliament.

Mr Colin Eglin, leader of the offi-

cial opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP) said that his party hoped to increase its representation

in the 178 seat House of Assembly

from 27 to at least 40 seats Spokes-men for the right-wing Conserva-tive (CP) and Herstigte Nasionale parties saw the election as an op-

portunity for the right to challenge the National Party's dominant posi-tion. It currently holds 127 seats

compared with only 18 for the CP

Five out of the last seven elec-

tions since the Afrikaner-dominat-

ed National Party came to power in

1948 have taken place in April, and

this remains the most likely month

vears. Elections are normally held

sembly, elected in April 1981, would be extended. Future elections for all

and one for the HNP.

Botha's election

by white parties

plan welcomed

At the same time, a date is expected to be fixed next week for a final effort for the two sides to settle their dispute over compensation for some \$400m to \$500m in lost US grain sales to Spain.

The European retaliation would hit US exports of corn gluten feed, rice and wheat, as agreed by the EEC Council of Ministers last June when the dispute first came to a head. Only the details of implemen-tation and the size of tariffs to be levied would remain to be deter-mined, within two weeks of any US decision to act.

Both sides are then likely to come to the negotiating table with their weapons in the open as they seek to narrow a yawning gap in their re-spective positions on what is de-scribed in both Washington and Brussels as the most difficult and potentially damaging trade conflict they have faced in recent years. The US measures announced just

before the New Year are carefully designed to bring pressure to bear on most EEC member states, Gin will hit Britain, brandy and cognac hit France, cheese affects France and the Netherlands, white wine is aimed at West Germany and olives at the Mediterranean countries. (Whisky is not included in the US

Any European retaliation would be intended to affect the same farm lobbies, bringing pressure to bear on Washington to fight for full com-pensation for the loss of maize and sorghum sales to Spain. Corn guten feed is simply a by-product of maize used in animal feed while rice and wheat will also hit the major grain producers and traders.

clined as a result of its tough law and order policies, improving short-term economic prospects and its de-The heart of the argument is the US claim that it should be comper sated specifically for the loss of its maize and sorghum sales to Spain before that country joined the EEC a year ago. Since then, US feedgrains have been subject to levies effectively pricing them out of the market, where they have been progressively replaced by French

tion in September 1984, it ruled that the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly, elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembly elected in April 1981, would be asked to analyze the life of the all-white House of Assembl

EEC may crack down on 'screwdriver' operations, Page 10

Pöhl gives warning on impact of \$ fall as US deficit soars

BY LIONEL BARBER IN WASHINGTON AND ANDREW FISHER IN FRANKFURT

MR KARL OTTO PÕHL, president of the West German Bundesbank, said a further marked fall in the dollar would put at risk continued economic growth in West Germany nd the rest of Europe and lead to higher inflation and interest rates in the US.

His remarks coincided with news that the US trade deficit surged to a record \$19.2bm last November, making likely congressional pressure for a protectionist trade bill early in the year.

The deficit was far higher than Wall Street and government economist had forecast. It raised doubts about official optimism that the US schiring sector was recov-

ering its competitive edge.

News of the trade deficit pushed the dollar down and gold up in the US and Europe at the close on Wednesday. However, market reaction was concentrated into a short peri-od and markets coasted through the

down 0.026 plennigs at DM 1.921. In London, the pound closed 1.25 cents lower at \$1.4825, Gold rose by \$14 an ounce to \$404. The rise in the November deficit

imports and exports is running at an annual rate of \$173hn.

US officials had predicted that the impact of a sharply lower dollar cut in the 3.5 per cent discount rate.

goed that foreign goods should have is expected to win.
In the Handelshlatt article, he ecome more expensive in the vast

US market. Mr Pohl, in a year-end article in the Handelsblatt business newspaper, said the continuing weaker

of the dollar - its close at DM 1.94 on December 31 in Frankfurt compared with DM 248 a year ago would not help to close the US current account deficit, at least in the short term.

Mr Pohl repeated his view that the level of about DM 2 for the dollar was much more in accord with

months ago.

Mr Pihl said that despite the level of its current account deficit, the US had been behaving like a country with a surplus. This was possi-ble, he thought, while the rest of the world was prepared to accumulate dollar investments. But he warned There is no guarantee that this will remain the case to such an extent in the inture. We have seen in the 1970s how the dollar reserve cur-

Mr Pöhl and his colleagues at the Bundesbank have resisted pressure for further interest rate cuts, main-The rise in the November deficit by from the US, arguing that the means the imbalance between US rapid rise in money supply provided

would remove some pressure on the before or after the German general trade deficit, while economists are election on January 25 - which the

fil its responsibilities as a "surplus country than any other nation. The US November figures show a deficit across a broad range of manufactured goods and countries. In

said Germany had done more to ful-

manufactured goods, the shortfall rose to \$16.76bn, including a record \$4.9bn for car imports. Imports also rose for steel, textiles, and office The deficit with Japan hit a record \$6.74bn in November and rose

to a total of \$54.75bn for the first 11 months of last year, compared with \$49.7bm in 1985.

The total unrevised deficit for the first 11 months amounts to

\$159.12bn against \$133.33bn in 1985, making it likely that the 1986 outturn will be well above \$176bn. The Commerce Department also revealed that it had revised earlier figures on the October trade deficit from an earlier estimate of \$12.06km

Trade in agricultural commodities - the source of current tension with the EEC - nevertheless recorded its fourth monthly surplus In November, farm trade showed a surplus of \$494.1m, with agricultural exports totalling \$2.51bn.

November's exports overall totalled \$18.6bm, down from \$19.2bm during October, of which some \$12.8bn came from US manufac-

IBM, Merrill Lynch abandon electronic information system

MUCH-VAUNTED joint venture closed their own videotex services

to hring sophisticated electronic in- in 1986. formation systems to the US financial services industry has been abandoned by IBM and Merrill desk-top IBM personal computers
Lynch, the world's largest retail investment broker, after less than

es and fund competition for existing suppliers of financial information such as Reuter, Telerate and Quotron.

and the Brunei Government, in-meased profits by 67 per cent to SS24.5m (US\$11.18m) last year. tailer. Two newspaper groups

"would not be profitable for a long, long time and raight never be profi-table at all," according to an Imnet

As Imnet was conceived, investors and brokers would have used official quoted yesterday. market information and services such as stock prices and analysts' reports supplied via telecommuni-cations links from central computers. IBM's computing skills and Merrill Lynch's financial services

appeared to be a potent combina-Shortly after Imnet's launch, Mr Joseph Castellano, its chief executive, forecast that "in five or six top computer service lan years we think the market for MarketNet could be as big as \$1bn." ost under \$500 a month. The only product Imnet sold in

volume, however, was an equities analysis software programme which was not on-line to the Imnet network. A sophisticated portfolio management system for use in Merril's retail offices and for sale to other brokers was still being de-

Imnet concluded the venture for.

fect on their 1986 or 1987 earnings. Both groups are trying to bolster their earnings by weeding out ventures which are either los-making or no longer central to their busi-ness strategies.

Much of what Imnet failed to de-

Citibank, which is reputed to spend 51bn year building up and running its computer and telecommunications operations, paid \$680m six months ago for Quotron Sys-tems, a leading supplier of financial information, Some banks and brokers were unhappy that a main ven-dor of information such as stock A recent IBM initiated study of prices had been sold to a competi-

In a terse New Year's Eve statement, the companies said they were winding up international Market-Net (Imnet) after reassessing "the financial viability of the venture." Some users said Imnet's highpriced services had fallen well short of those promised when the company was launched in March 1984. If successful, it would have been stiff

Imnet joins a long list of office or home information systems which have run into trouble. Last month, for example, CBS, one of the hig three US television networks, withThe companies said the closing of Imnet would have no significant ef-

liver is available, however, on StreetSense, a wide ranging deskmonths ago by Citibank, the largest US banking group. StreetSense ser-vices, which include share trading,

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South Africa's ruling National Party now believes it is strong enough to maintain support at the polls, Anthony Robinson reports

Botha seeks mandate from white electorate for an unidentified agenda

PRESIDENT P. W. Botha has year ago calling the parliamen-been teasing South Africa's tary system in South Africa 'a been teasing South Africa's white electorate about elections for months. Now, in his new yera message, ostensibly to the country at large but mainly aimed at whites, he has told them they can deliver their verdict this year.

The exact date will only be revealed when he opens parliament on January 30 but the crucial judgment, that the ruling National Party believes it is strong enough to seek, and obtain, a new mandate from whites has been made. whites has been made.

In theory Mr Botha had no need to call a general election for all three racially separate need to call a general election the party's right wing, which for all three racially separate houses of the tri-cameral parliament, until August 1989. That would have been five years after the introduction of the new constition in September 1984 instead it has continually which brought coloureds and accused the Government of Asians into the parliamentary system and gave Gaullist-style powers to the state president but ignored the still unenfranchised black majority.

By deciding to hold elections

Tast year the Government

By deciding to hold elections for the white house of assembly was widely perceived to have only Mr Botha has confirmed lost thte political initiative. It what critics of the tri-cameral seriously underestimated the system have always maintained, depth o foliack anger at excluthat it ils only the white house sion from the 1984 constitution which really matters. Even that and was taken aback by the

In the eyes of President Botha, and other leaders of the National Party which has ruled

without interuption since 1948, the white mandate for the new constitution, and the long list of apartheid "reforms" introduced over the last 30 months stemmed not from the last stemmed not from the last whites only election, in April 1981, but from the white only referendum of November 1983. On that occasion 66 per cent

voted yes for the Government's cautious reform programme. But the party's right wing, which

is hotly disputed by many, speed with which a new broadly including the former leader of based anti-spartheid coalition, the opposition Dr Frederik van the United Democratic Front Zyl Slabbert, who resigned a (UDF) sprang up to articulate

and organise resi throughout the country. What also threw its carefully prepared "reform" strategy off the rails was the coincidence of heavily boycotted elections to the new coloured and Asian houses with the onset of the steepest economic recession since the war.

Political and economic dis-Political and economic dis-content came together in Sep-tember 1984 with violent rent-riots on the East Rand. Saince then South Africans have been involved in a low-level civil war accompanied by a dramatic in-crease in black politisisation, the re-emergence of the African National Congress (ANC) as a major factor in the South Afri-can power equation, and the can power equation, and the growing international isolation of Pretoria.

All of this was accompanied All of this was accompanied by growings signs of a white backlash and the risk of a split in Afrikanerdom which would have jeopardised the power base of Afrikaner hegemony, and by extension of continuing white control

white control.

This key principle of post1948 white politics — that
Afrikaner unity is essential if
white satet power is to be preserved intact — is also the key
to interpreting all that has happened since May 1986, in retrospect the beginning of the election campaign. The combing
of alleged ANC bases in neigh-



President P. W. Botha

bouring Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia — scuppering the mediation efforts of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons development of Group (EPG) marked the end black education. of Pretoria's attempt to gain domestic and international test of how recognition for its reforms.

The top priority moved instead to undercutting the growing support for the right-wing political and para-military organisations by moving the National Party itself bodily to the right and stealing the oppo-sition's thunder.

On June 12 a new and wider state of emergency was re-introduced. This has since Zimbabwe will "soon" implement economic sanctions against South Africa, Mr Robert Mugabe, the prime minister, said in a New Year's eve address, Tony Hawkins reports from

Harare.
Last year, Mr Mugabe said
Zimbabwe would impose
sanctions before the end of
1986, but he told the union it had been necessary to delay the announcement pending the report of gov-ernment task forces set up to develop a sanctions strategy.
While businessmen and
some Western diplomats have
welcomed the delay on the

been further strengthened by new media curbs and restric-

The elections will be partly a test of how tough security action which saw over 70,000 black opponents detained and harsh curbs on the media, has harsh curbs on the media, has succeeded in dampening white fears as well as black aspirations. But they have also been preceded by a series of moves on the economic front aimed at boosting confidence. On November 2015

tions aimed at preventing the development of "alternative"

dence of the adverse effects on the Zimbabwe economy of santions, it remains clear that Zimbabwe will impose a sanctions package within a few months. © President Joaquim Chis-sano of Mozambique said in his New Year message that South Africa had used anti-Marxist guerrillas "as an

ground that it suggests some back-tracking by Mr Mugabe in face of overwhelming evi-

instrument of aggression against our country," and by against our county, and by driving peasants from their homes as a result, had been the major cause of a threat-ened famine.

their support for a programme of privatisation. It included de-regulation of small business, large scale black housing development, efforts to beat sanctions by "inward indus-trialisation" and a determined search for non-traditional markets, Interest rates, including politically sensitive mortgage rates, were dropped sharply on December 10 in a move designed to boost con-sumer confidence.

and the exodus of foreign companies, like General Motors ber 7 President Botha met 200 companies, like General Motors challenged by the right.
top businessmen. minus his or Britain's Barclays Bank, At the end of what is exmajor business critics, to enlist external factors have also pected to be a short but hard

helped to create more favourable pre-electoral conditions. Botha will almost certainly get his mandate. The question rehigher gold, platinum and diamond prices and, above all in the conservative farming platteland, good rains which have finally broken the drought in many areas.

In the conservative farming platteland, good rains which have finally broken the drought in many areas.

In short electoral prospects for the National Party, which at present holds 127 of the total 178 seats in the house of assembly compared with 27 for the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) and only 18 for the Conservative Party (CP), look much better than for a long time.

The main aim of the Conservative Party will be to gain enough seats to overtake the PFP as the official opposition. To do this it will need to forge an electoral pact of sorts with the Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP), the original right wing breakaway party which only last year gained its first seat at the Sasolburg by-election. Sasolburg by-election. To keep its position as the

To keep its position as the official opposition the PFP is seeking an electoral alliance with the dying New Republic Party (NRP), which has only five seats. It must also persuade nervous, mainly English speaking "liberal" supporters not to make the tentically to the NP Despite mounting sanctions switch tactically to the NP nd the exodus of foreign where the latter is seriously ompanies, like General Motors challenged by the right.

After eight years in power
Mr Botha and his Government.
Marginally rejuvenated and
streamlined in a reshuffle two
months ago, have nothing more
imaginative to offer than
"evolutionary reform" based
on a mixture of coercion and on a mixture of coercion and attempted co-option of "moderate" blacks at a local government level and in an advisory capacity in the propose national statutory council.

Bold moves, like the release of ANC leader Nelson Mandela and the unbanning of the ANC. The or even the scrapping of remaining apartheid piliars like the Group Areas Act, are not the agenda—and right wing warnings of a "hidden agenda" are likely to be hotly denied during the campaign.

At the end of the day South
Africa will probably be faced
with more of the same. But it
will find out just how powerful
the white right wing really is
for the first time. In the end
this could determine the pace
and direction of Government inspired change in the years and direction of Government inspired change in the years
ahead, as well as influence the
choice of a new National Party
leader for the 1990s where the
hard decisions about South
Africa's future will have to be

Belgium

Nigeria announces cautious budget to boost recovery

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

NIGERIA'S military leader, mated at N760m, compared to a President Ibrahim Babangida, NI.1bn surplus in 1985, yesterday outlined a cautious The President said Nigeria budget for 1987 designed to would continue to limit repay-

budget for 1987 designed to reinforce an economic recovery ments of external debt to 30 per cent of export earnings, a support of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

Stressing the theme of ansterity and self reliance, the President said that measures introduced over the past 12 months, which have included an effective 60 per cent devaluation of the naira, would continue to limit repayments of external debt of 0 continue to 30 per cent of export earnings, a measure introduced in the budget a year ago. Over the past few months the Government has managed to reschedule a substantial proportion of the country's estimated total external debt of \$22bn, concluding negotiations with western commercial banks and government of the naira, would continue to limit repayments of external debt of 00 per cent of export earnings, a measure introduced in the budget a year ago. Over the past few months the Government has managed to reschedule a substantial proportion of the country's estimated total external debt of \$22bn, concluding negotiations with western and particular to the past of the months the Government has managed to reschedule a substantial proportion of the country's estimated total external debt of \$22bn, concluding negotiations with the first particular to the past of the months the Government has managed to reschedule a substantial proportion of the country's estimated total external debt of \$22bn, concluding negotiation of the country's estimated total external debt of \$22bn, concluding negotiation of the country's estimated total external debt of \$2bn, concluding negotiation of the country's estimated total external debt of \$2bn, concluding negotiation of the country's estimated total external debt of \$2bn, concluding negotiation of the country's estimated total external debt of \$2bn, concluding negotiation of the country's estimated total external debt of \$2bn, concluding negotiation of the country's estimated total external debt of \$2bn, concluding negotiation of the country's estimated of the naira, would "help to creditors.

The President anticipated to be divided into three composite revenue in 1887 at N.7.8bn panies in an effort to put the 185.4bn), understood to be based heavily indebted airline on a for Nigeria's oil of about \$13 per barrel. Oil accounts for over

the side of caution.

General Banangida said the Nigeria Arrways would handle slump in international oil prices international flights, a separate last year had caused serious airline would operate domestic difficulties for Nigeria, and the travel and a third company balance of payments deficit on would be responsible for cargo the current account was esti-

gon official who was assessing the Lavi project, is due in Israel

shortly to present other pro-posals for Israel's next genera-

These are expected ot include

a modified and updated version of the F-16 already in service with the Israeli Air Force which would incorporate much of the

aviation electronics developed

tion of fighter aircraft.

(£709m).

Lavi flies into cloud of

ISRAEL'S Lavi fighter took to private spending characterised the skies for the first time on the Israeli economy in 1886. Wednesday and flew into a cloud of uncertainty about Accounts estimates released by

future funding for its develop- the Central Bureau of Statistics. ment and production.

Research and development have already taken over seven years and cost over \$1bn in each of the past two years, 1500 for the past two years,

2709m). with industrial productivity
Dr Dov Zakhdeim, the Penta- showing no increase whatsoever.

doubt over funding

BY OUR JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT

would continue to limit repayments of external debt to 30

correct the long years of paying In a separate development, only lip service to national self the Nigerian News Agency re-

for Nigeria's oil of about \$13
per barrel. Oil accounts for over
90 per cent of the country's
export earnings.

The price is well below the
Opec target of \$18 per barrel,
but government economic planners said they wished to err on
the side of caution.

Among its debts is over \$12m
owed to the ticket clearing
house of the International Air
Transport Association (IATA).
The association last months uspended Nigeria from its ticketing facilities. Nigeria Airways
can no longer issue tickets for

The President's speech did not provide detailed budget figures.

The agency said the The agency said that under the restructuring, a new These will be released today the restructuring, a new General Babangida said the Nigeria Airways would handle

Private consumption rose by 12 per cent, almost approaching

record high of 1983.

Bonn TV broadcasts wrong Kohl message

THERE were red faces all around at West Germany's main television channel yesterday and angry comments from the Boun Government, after the network showed the wrong New Year's message by Chancellor Helmut Kohl. Instead of transmitting the message for 1987, the ARD message for 1987, the ARD channel breadcast one that was a year out of date. The outdated speech was shown in full, with Mr Kohl wish-ing viewers a peaceful 1986. An irate Mr Friedhelm Ost, the Government spokes-man, said the Government was outraged. He demanded

was surraged. He demanded an apology from ARD, which was intending to breadcast the correct message last night. The right speech was shown our EDF, the weeked ARD said it regretted the error. Mr Ost said that those responsible for it should be made to answer. The showing

of the wrong message was an insult to viewers, he added. It could not just be explained away as a technical mistake, he said. With a general election to be held later this menth, be implied that the broadcast could have resulted from political

resulted from political motives.

The television channel said the incident appeared to have been a genuine mistake. The message was pre-recorded for showing on both the main West German networks.

ARD put out the 1986 Kohl message just before it, New Year's Eve variety concert,

Yugoslavia aims for 3% economic growth this year

By Aleksandar Lebi
YUGOSLAVIA will aim for
3 per cent economic growth
in 1987, and hopes to boost
export growth by 4.5 per cent
while keeping the rise in imports to 4 per cent. Industrial
production is expected to
grow by 3.5 per cent.

The federal parliament has
just approved these targets
which represents a lowering
of earlier, more ambitions
targets which the Government dismissed as unrealistic.
The plan for the coming By Aleksandar Lebi

Total investment declined by 7 per cent, largely due to the sharper downturn in residential construction which has characterised the past few years.

Israel's imports rose by 15
per cent in 1986, while exports
went up by only 6 per cent.

Although slumping world oil The plan for the coming year also includes agricultural growth of 2.5 per cent, investment growth of 4 per cent, employment growth of 2.2 per cent and a 1.1 per cent rise in labour productivity. The Pentagon fears the US will have to bear the burden of the cost overruns it predicts for the Lavi. Israel puts a unit price in the Lavi. Israel puts a unit price in the Pentagon believes the price will be near \$22m.

Sluggish growth and high

Kabul orders ceasefire from January 15

AFGHAN leader Mr Najibullah Islamabad, quoted him as tellhas ordered a cease-fire beginning on January 15 in the more
than seven years of war between
his Soviet-backed Government
and Moslem guerrillas, the
official Kabul Radio reported
yesterday, Reuter reports from
lelamabad.

The Kabul Government has

But Mr Najibullah warned But Mr Najibulian warned that his Government would respond if the guerrillas continued to fight in any part of the country, the radio said.

Guerrilla leaders have said they will accept nothing less than the complete withdrawal of Soviet forces and would establish an Islamic government.

ment. The radio, monitored in

smuggling and gun-running.

The House Judiciary Sub-Committee on Crime Investiga-tion is one of several Congres-

sional inquiries launched since the Reagan Administration-announced that up to \$30m profits from secret arms sales to Iran had been siphoned off to the Contra rebels.

meeting was held.

The Kabul Government has

been backed by about 115,000 Soviet troops since the December 1979 Soviet intervention to prop up Afghanistan's

"National reconciliation begins with ceasefire," the radio quoted Mr Najibuliah as saying in his speech. It broadcast excerpts after the main night bul-letins which did not mention the reference to a ceasefire.

aimed at raising money for the cash-starved rebels when official US aid was cut off by

Separately, some \$2m of the

\$4m paid by Iran in late
October for the last shipment
of US arms—delivered just
before the release of the American hostage David Jacobsen—
has gone missing, according to

fire will be effective from Mr Najibullah, a former January 15," he said, adding: secret police chief who became "If someone continues to fire, be will get the response that will be satisfactory."

The announcement was made six days after the seventh anniversary of the Soviet intervens. Secret ponce chief who became general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) in May. has tried to present his government as a broad-based coalition acceptable to all Afghans.

versary of the Soviet interven-Mr Najiballah said during a

agrees plan to cut pit losses The Belgian Cabinet has agreed a plan designed to cut losses sustained by the country's coal mining industry, government officials said yesterday, Reuter

The PDPA Central Committee visit to Moscow last month that he planned to set up a Government of national unity which could include Afghans living reported yesterday.

"This was considered as one On Monday, he was quoted of the most important tasks by the Soviet Communist Party of the party, state and the newspaper Pravda as saying people of Afghanistan," the that Kabul was ready to talk report added.

complained that fees charged by Canadian provinces for cut-

a 15 per cent tariff on Canadian

A left-wing guerrilla group, the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front (FPMR), claimed respon-

sibility for the attack on the general, the first in 13 years

Canada to put 15% tax on

CANADA has agreed to impose creates an industrial paraple-

a 15 per cent export tax on gic out of the lumber industry, softwood lumber shipments to The US lumber industry had the US, resolving a bitter trade complained that fees charged

ment which was reached after The US Commerce Depart-43 hours' talks in Washington ment had threatened to impose

Chilean President Augusto Pinochet on September 7 in Pinochet announced yesterday which five of his bodyguards that he would allow most exiled were killed.

A left-wing guerrilla group.

The state of siege, the second of military rule.
toughest in a battery of emerGeneral Pinochet, in an end-

gency measures open to the of-year speech, said that most military government, was declared hours after a failed would be permitted to return to attempt on the life of General Chile over the next 90 days.

Chile exiles can return

lumber shipments to US

industry attacked the agree- prices.

on Wednesday morning.

home and would not renew a state of siege when it expired next month, Reuter reports from Santiago.

state cash to the industry, the most heavily subsidised in the European Community from BFr 8.5bn (£146m) a year at present to BFr 4bn in 1996, and involves the loss of 8,200 jobs through pit closures. NY State votes on greater role for banks

Tamils to form party Sri Lanka's largest guerrilla group will soon form a political party to press its demand for an independent Tamil state, Mr Sathasivam Krishnakumar, northern commander of the THE NEW YORK State about the continued usefulness of state chartered banks may Wall Street investment banks. Banking Department, which of the Glass-Steagall Act, the legally conduct up to 25 per. The significance of the New regulates, the affairs of some more than 50-year-old Federal cent of their business activities. York move is mostly symbolic in securities and in securities and success is unlikely that Bankers that New York State banks from engaging in most types of investment banking senior US banking regulatory authority, forbids US banks in the US, would from engaging in most types of investment banking activities.

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Mr Krishnakumar said the

reports.
The plan reduces the flow of

party's aim was to win the support of the Tamil people for the homeland of Tamil Eeism.

Lebanon camp war Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday that 80,000 Palestinian refugees had so far been forced out of camps in Lebanon in the cur-rent fighting there, Reuter

reports.

The "camps war" between Palestinians and Shi'ite Moslems from the Lebanese Amal militia group has been raging for the past three months, killing more than 700

The tax takes effect from ting lumber in governmental January 8 but may boost the owned forests were so low as price of new homes in the US. to represent an unfair subsidy, The Canadian lumber thereby undercutting US months, killing more than 700 people.

Israeli troops fired rubber bullets at Palestinian protesters yesterday during clashes marking the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the PLO's mainstream Fatah branch. Mr Adam Zimmerman, presisoftwood imports if a dent of Macmillan Bloedel, voluntary agreement had not Canada's largest forest combeen reached by midnight last pany, said "in one step, it Tuesday.

Marcos warns Manila Ousted president Ferdinand Marcos urged Filipinos yesterday to stop Americans meddling in the country's affairs as he said they had when he was "practically kidnapped" and taken to Hawaii in February, Reuter reports from Manila. In a New Year radio broadcast from Honolulu, he warned cast from Honolulu, he warned of "a violent explosion" and possible Communist takeover in the Philippines in 1987.

Fewer die in air

mercial aviation's safest years. after a rash of airline crashes in 1985 that claimed more than

Last year was one of com-

1,600 lives worldwide, industry officials said yesterday, AP reports from Washington.

Although official figures are not yet compiled, unofficial estimates showed nearly 500 people killed in airline accidents in the past year.

FINANCIAL TIMES

Iraq savours timely propaganda coup

US launches inquiry into

Contra 'cocaine smuggling'

A CONGRESSIONAL committee appeared in a report drawn up is investigating allegations that last year by Sen John Kerry, a Contra rebels in Nicaragua have Massachusetts Democrat. The been involved in cocaine illegal trade was allegedly the committee of the cocaine involved in cocaine illegal trade was allegedly to the committee.

Allegations of Contra involve a report in yesterday's Washment in narcotics trafficking ington Post.

Moscow's Reagan message

THE Soviet Union yesterday A Soviet spokesman sald that broadcast part of President the state of US-Soviet restions

Ronald Reagan's New Year's did not merit celebrating them address to the Soviet people on Moscow radio but the US embassy claimed that his original broadcast on Voice of Russian translation of President Reagan's speech quoted on President Reagan's speech quoted on Reagan's Reagan's speech quoted on Reagan's Reagan's Reagan's speech quoted on Reagan's Reag

Moscow radio but the US. The seven minute excerpts in all broadcast on Voice of Russian translation of President America was heavily jammed. Reagan's speech quoted on Earlier Mr Gorbachev had human rights but omitted his declined an exchange of New expression of regret that he Year speeches between himself and Mr Gorbachev were not and President Reagan as hap-able to exchange New Year record at the headpuring of 1998.

Year speeches between himself and Mr and President Reagan as hap-able to pened at the beginning of 1986. messages.

Congress.

BY OUR JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT IN UMM AL RASSAS, IRAQ

singapore's economy grew by 1.9 per cent last year, Mr economy.

"We had 1.9 per cent last year, Mr economy.

"We had 1.9 per cent last year, If we had 1.9 per cent growth indicates that Singapore has turned around from the deep recession that struck in 1985. Mr Lee, however, said the buoyancy of previous years would not return in 1987, and predicted the economy would grow by only 3-4 per cent this year.

Tion remain a drag on the leading notables, are being brought to the marshy island of Umm al Rassas, in the Shatt al Arab waterway dividing the two adversaries to view the site of the latest battle in the war.

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Iraqi officials say more than 30,000 Iranians attacked Umm al Rassas and four other small islands as part of a "ferocious" Christmas eve assault along a 40 km stretch of the border from around Abadan in the south to a point 13 kms west of Basra. Iraq's second largest islands as part of a "ferocious" Christmas eve assault along a 40 km stretch of the border from around Abadan in the south to a point 13 kms west of Basra, Iraq's second largest city. Basra is the predicted target of the "final offensive" Iran has been threatening for months

IRAQ is starting 1987 with a was meant to be the start of savoured propaganda coup following one of its more difficult years in the six-year conflict with Iran.

Foreign journalists, joined by Iraqi notables, are being brought to the marshy island of Umm al Rassas, in the Shatt al Arab waterway dividing the two adversaries to view the site of the latest battle in the war.

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Reporters were also shown piles of weapons and equipment piles of weapons and equipment Iraq says last week's attack

IRAQ is starting 1987 with a was meant to be the start of and delapidated to have been savoured propaganda coup that offensive and that the used recently. following one of its more diffi- Iraqi forces resoundingly Journalists saw just three bodies and a freshly buildozed patch of ground said to cover the other corpses. Gen El Rashid offered to exhume the bodies but the journalists Diplomats in Baghdad and officials in Washington believe

the fighting was on a smaller scale than the Iraquis have said. They also express doubt that the fighting was meant to be the start of Iran's final offensive." They suggested it was a more limited probe of Iraqi defenses meant also to avenge the deaths of hundreds of Iranians in Iriqi air raids last

said to have been captured last month.

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week including frogmens. Diplomats agreed, however, flippers made in England and that the Iraqi victory was a Italy, and Soviet designed rifles, timely propaganda coup for the many of which looked too rusty Government of President



had taken and held as a poten-tial bargaining chip for Faw. The recent victory comes a few weeks before a summit of Islamic nations and should bolster confidence in Iraq's fighting ability among Arab Guif nations that have contributed billions of dollars to the Baghdad regmie to avert a victory by the radical Shi'ite Moslem forces of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

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M. Ent 880, Short The Iraqis are also portraying their rebuff of the Iranian attack as evidence that the recently revealed US arms sales to Iran have not given the Iranians an edge in the war. Iraq also receives US help—satellite intelligence that has Saddam Hussein, providing an upbeat finale to a year in which changes to FINANCIAL TIMES, 14 East 60th Street, New York, N.Y. Iraq lost the Faw Peninsula at heped its air force stage punishing raids on Iranian off and other installations in the the mouth of the Shatt al Arab oup for the and the Iranian town of Mehran President on the central front, which Iraq

Singapore premier sees 3-4% growth this year by steven butter in singapore SINGAPORE'S economy grew tion remain a drag on the

The recovery has been led by Time refused to publish unthe manufacturing sector and edited a letter corecting alleged
by transport and communication. Commerce, financial and about Singapore's political oppohusiness services and construc- sition.

The order was invoked after

Tokyo brushes off fears over growth raised by austere budget Fairey businesses

BY CARLA RAPOPORT AND IAN RODGER IN TOKYO

THE JAPANESE Government claims there will be lots of pep in Japan's economy this year in spite of the adoption this week of an austere budget that freezes overall Government spending.
The budget was otherwise

notable for its approval of a 5.2 per cent increase in defence spending, which means that Japan's defence outlays will just break through the 1 per cent of gross pational product Just break infough the 1 per cent of gross national product (GNP) ceiling set 10 years ago. This move is certain to be bitterly debated in the Diet (parliament) in the next few months.

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, said on Wednesday that the Government had to choose between respecting the guideline and sticking to its 10-year military buildain plan agreed last year build-up plan agreed last year. In his view, the military situa-tion around Japan made the

tion around Japan made the build up essential.

The budget anticipates overall revenues of Y43,500bn (£186,3bn) in the year beginning April 1, 1987, up 1,8 percent on the current year. Overall spending would rise only 0.1 per cent to Y54,101bn. The budget's austerity is in line with the Government's determination to bring spending into Overall spending would rise only 0.1 per cent to Y52.101bn. The Government's in line with the Government's determination to bring spending into line with revenue by 1990 and begin reducing Government indepth reducing Governmen

France awards FFr 950m loan to Indonesia

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By John Murray Brown in Jakarta FRANCE this week signed a FFr 950m (£101m) concessionary loan agreement with Indonesia, just inside the year-end dead-line for French aid allocations-The agreement is part soft loan and part export credit, supported by Coface, the government's credit insurance agency. Tied to French project casts in Indonesia, the package was signed in Paris by Mr Daniel Lebegue, director of the French Treasury at the Ministry of Finance. Finance.

Finance.
France, past master of the mixed credit, follows Japan, the UK and the US and West Germany in meeting Indonesia's aggressive loan terms introduced by President Suharto in 1924

over 25 years, a seven-year win licences for long-haul European destinations.

grace period and an interest routes.

Mr Steve Miller, Dragonair's rate of 3.5 per cent.
Alcatel, the French telecommunications group, is pursuing a 240,000 telephone line contract for rural Indonesia; said to be

worth as much as \$1bn.
Last year Japan provided Indonesia with \$850m in soft loans agreement in July. West Germany agreed terms on a DM 300m mixed credit package, of which DM 100m is

soft loan. The US Exim Bank has offered a \$100m soft loan, still to be agreed.

Punjab deaths rise to 697

SUSPECTED Sikh extremists have killed three Punjab electric utility workers in continuing separatist violence in the north Indian state. Reuter reports from New Delhi.

The killings brought to at least 697 the number of people killed in Punjab during 1986 in violence connected with extre-mists seeking an independent Sikh homeland. increase in public works spending will be more than 5 per

That, plus Tokyo's encouragement to local authorities to raise capital spending should enable the economy to grow by 3.5 per cent the government

The other sector to enjoy a significant increase in the budget is foreign aid. Government officials said the 5.8 per cent increase in its official development assistance to Y658bn in fiscal 1987 would emable it to stay on target to honour its pledge to spend \$40bn on overseas development assistance between 1986 and

1993. The 1987 budget calls for a cut in public works spending to Y6,000bn, from Y6,200bn this

Other areas which will face smaller allocations include energy projects, down 21.4 per cent, small business incentives, down 3.8 per cent and food subsidies, down 4.1 per cent. Government allocations to local governments will be held unchanged at Y10,184bm.

Areas which will enjoy a higher budget allocation to defence and foreign aid include social security, up 2.6 per cent, and pensions, up 2.5 per cent. Increased spending on pensions and social security reflect the rapidly ageing population in

Dragonair orders two MD11s from McDonnell

essential bulldup

the budget means that the Japanese economy will grow very slowly next year, perhaps by less than 2 per cent. They say the high yen will prevent

much of the manufacturing sec-tor from expanding, while the lack of Government stimulus will leave the domestic economy

DRAGON Airlines of Hong European destinations, have Kong, the 20-month-old aviation been refused after heree progroup controlled by Sir Yuetests from Cathay Pacific, which Kong Pao, has ordered two until a year ago was the only McDonnell Douglas MDils at a Hong Kong-based aviation cost of about \$200m (£136m). group and is still regarded as it also has an option to buy the territory's flag-carrier. a third MD11.

to order MD11s since McDonnell-Douglas of the US confirmed on December 29 that it would go ahead with plans to produce the three-engine, wide-bodied aircraft. McDonnell Douglas has so far won 52 firm orders, and 40 purchase options. The purchase — for delivery in 1992 — amounts to a major statement of faith in Dragonintroduced by President Suharto air's future. The group is now in 1984.

Indonesia has recently won leased Boeing 737s... and has been terms which involve repayments blocked in all of its efforts to

routes. Tor. Josephani European desimations.

The group, which was launched with an injection of general manager, yesterday appeared unworried by the HK\$509m in April 1985 by a commitment to substantial ingroup of prominent Hong Kong businessmen, has upset the as yet that the airline will win British territory's establishment by breaking the monopoly of Cathay Pacific Airways giffic, and you have to plan as a Hong Kong-based carrier.

third MD11. Only two weeks ago, Dragon-Dragonair is one of 12 sirlines air applied to Hong Kong's Air order MD11s since Traffic Licensing Authority (ATLA) for licences to fly to Guam, Nepal, four cities in southern Japan, and a further 14 destinations in mainland Unbowed by past failures to

win licences to operate services to London, it has made
fresh applications to operate
services applications to operate
3.3 per cent from 2.6 per cent. services to London Stanstead, Manchester, Glasgow and Bir-mingham, all via Copenhagen. It is also pressing for licences to serve a number of southern

holdings 14 months ago.

Applications to operate tial losses over the past year as routes to Peking and Shanghai it has fought to build up a net-in China, and to a number of work of services

Dhaka fisheries offer

BANGLADESH will allow allow foreign fishing operations foreign companies to form joint in its 117,000 sq km exclusive ventures with Bangladesh is to exploit the nation's potentially rich fishing grounds in the Bay of Bengal, Reuter reports

Mr Sirajul Hossain Khan, the Fisheries and Livestock Minister said Bangladesh would allow foreign fishing operations in its 117,000 sq km exclusive fishing zones with joint ventures giving a 51 per cent share to the Bangladesh partner.

Bangladesh currently earns about \$90m a year from fish exports, mainly to the European Community, the US and Japan.

Taiwan's economic growth will hinge on protectionism, \$ rate

TAIWAN'S chances of meeting its economic growth target this year are threatened by its currency's persistent appreciation against the US unit to 35.50, were forecast at \$45.5bn this year, its highest level since February 9 to 25.50 the said.

Total exports were expected to reach a record \$40bn last year, up from \$30.7bn the previous year, and 6 cents against the US unit to 35.50, were forecast at \$45.5bn this year, its highest level since February 9 to 25.50 the said. persistent appreciation against the US dollar and by protectionist moves by the US, say economists and government officials Resters reports from Taipel.

Taiwan has targetted gross national product (GNP) growth at 8 per cent in 1987, after an estimated 10.81 per cent in 1986.

Pressure on Taiwan to further revalue its currency will remain strong this year due to its huge trade surplus with the US, officials

The surplus was expected to hit a record \$13.50m in 1986, up from \$10.2bn in 1985, the officials and economists said. They said the Democrat-dominat-

ed US Congress was expected to in-troduce bills aimed at restricting imports from countries with big trade surpluses with the US. Mr Wang Chou-ming, vice-chairman of the Government's Council

for Economic Planning and Devel-opment, said the official growth target assumed an exchange rate of 35 Taiwan dollars to USS1. Whether we would maintain the exchange

If the Taiwan dollar hits 34 to the dollar, then GNP growth will fall to 7.5 per cent and if it goes to 33 or 32, en GNP will expend by only 5 to 5.5 per cent, Mr Wang said.
"Our exporters would be badly

hurt if the Taiwan dollar continues to rise because they could not compete with their South Korean counterparts in the US market," he said.

The US is Taiwan's largest trading partner. The measures were approved by Parliament on Tuesday and are due to be introduced in car-

the US dollar since September 1985, while South Korea raised its currency by only about 3 per cent dur-

ing the same period.

ly January.

He said Taiwan had revalued its protectionism and urged more steps taken, including easing controls on foreign exchange and overseas

Mr Keh Fei lo, a senior economist at First Commercial Bank, said export growth would fall to under 15

The US is Taiwan's largest trading pariner. The measures were ap proved by Parliament on Tuesday and are due to be introduced in ear-

The measures include import tariff cuts of up to 50 per cent on some 1,700 foreign goods and allowing imports of beer, wine and cigarettes from the US and the EEC. Mr Keh said the measures were not enough to head off growing US

He added that otherwise, the lo-

cal dollar would continue to rise further against the US dollar. A recent survey by his bank showed that textiles, footwear, rubber and plastics would have diffi-

LONDON Daily News, the new per cent this year from 30 per cent cuity facing protectionism and a last year if the local dollar rose to 34 stronger Taiwan dollar, Mr Keh

Managers pay £51m for Building societies

tary bridge and nuclear operations were sold for \$22m and later

£455,000 came from the sale of Fair-

Mr Derek Kingsbury, who was chief executive of Fairey and is leading the buy-out team, said yea-terday that while he felt "a little said that a major UK company was withdrawing from engineering, we were determined to keep the core of Fairey as a strong and independent unit."

has four main businesses - aero-space products, ceramics, filtration

ey Marine.

PEARSON. THE industrial, bank- tions, fine china, merchant banking and electronics. Mr Kingsbury said ing and publishing group, has dis-posed of the last and higgest part of At its neak in 1 its Fairey engineering division uted £14.1m to Pearson's trading through a £51m management buyout completed on New Year's eve.

The deal is significant as it was tary bridge and nuclear operations

At its peak in 1984 Fairey contributed to complete with various offers and wanted to "give credit to Candover for financing more than half of the deal."

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the first to be financed by the £250m fund set up a year ago by Candover Investments to back large management buy-outs. Cand-over was formed in 1980 with the aim of organising and financing buy-outs and providing develop-ment funds for unlisted companies. Earlier this year Pearson, which owns the Financial Times, made clear its strategy of concentrating

on "businesses where we see long-term competitive advantage." The main areas of the diversified hold-

omies suggests a similar performance to 1986, with both output and prices rising by an average 2% to 3

A slight acceleration in the pace of output in West Germany is ex-pected to be accompanied by a much stronger recovery in both Ita-ly and France.

West Germany's economy is fore-

In Britain the prospect is for eco-nomic growth of 2.4 per cent in 1967

compared with 2.1 per cent last

year, the Oxford Group says. In par-allel, Britain may face a temporary deficit on the current account of the

ditors to be done out of their right to interest where debts are settled

just before proceedings are started. We believe they should have the

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growth'

Business failure rate Europe continues to fall 'set for economic EV RAYMOND SNODDY

Wales fell last year for the second consecutive year. The latest survey by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group, shows that busi-ness failures dropped by 1.3 per THE CHALLENGE for industrial economies this year will be to trans-late increases in real incomes into cent to 20,680. Company liquidations fell

higher domestic production and ca-pacity in order to provide a much-needed boost to employment pros-13,689, a decrease of 674 on 1965. Bankruptcies among individuals, firms and partnerships rose by 411 needed boost to employment pros-pects, the Oxford Economic Fore-casting group says in its latest reto 6,991 during 1986. In England, London and the

South East were the worst hit with 5,903 company liquidations, a 4 per cent rise. This accounted for 50.4 per cent of the total in England and Wales. Bankruptries in the area rose by 103 to 1,970, a 5.5 per cent

The North East was particularly sic financial control and marketing badly hit with an 18.7 per cent rise skills.

that his management team had had

Some £30m to back the £51.5m buy-out, which includes the repay-ment of a £7m inter-group loan, was provided by the Electra Candover

Direct Investment Plan, to which 35

Mr Roger Brooke, chief executive of Candover, said that "after a year of being beaten by corporate offers,

we were very pleased to be able to conclude this deal, and we expect to

be announcing a slightly smaller one in the next week." The rest of

tions have committed funds

BUSINESS failures in England and in bankruptcies compared with last Dun & Bradstreet believes the

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cies had occured despite a fall in the number of new businesses applying for VAT registration.

Dun & Bradstreet's constant ex-

depression in the steel, chemical, shipping and heavy engineering in-dustries affected not only the large companies but the small businesses which serve them. Mr Keith Williams, managing di-

that although the figures on overall business failures were optimistic. "the picture is still gloomy for small The 6.2 per cent rise in bankrupt

perience showed that those running small businesses tended to lack ba-

tread cautious path into new markets

BY HUGO DIXON

BIG BANG came to Britain's towns and cities yesterday. The 1986 Building Societies Act came into force and unleashed potentially the most dramatic changes the retail fi-nancial services industry has seen

for decades How will the societies, which between them control £137bn in as-

Many of the partitions which artificially separate building societies from other financial institutions they may engage in are being re-moved. Societies will be able to move into four areas previously the preserve of other institutions: bank-ing, investment, housing and insurance services.

the funding for Fairey was ar-ranged through bankers Samuel Montagu. This will lead to a new spate of competition, allowing societies to fight back against banks. These have moved aggressively into socie-ties' traditional savings and home loans markets, carving out market

share and squeezing margins.

This is good news for consumers: already they are being paid better rates for their savings; in the future, they can expect to pay less for personal loans. They will also be able to get more services from a

single outlet.
The societies realise they cannot stand still and watch the profits on their traditional businesses being eroded. But they lack both the human and financial resources to move into new markets which are

are taking a cautious approach.

Some are emphasising estate agency, arguing that there are adagency, arguing that there are acceptance, will be able to get us branches to work harder, cutting unit costs.

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THE NEW SERVICES

BANKING

INVESTMENT

Building Society has the most ambi-tious plans: it will be installing share-dealing terminals in its branches and selling personal equi-

Whichever way they decide to di-versify, all societies will be paying a greater attention to profitability. They are being forced to not only by competition but by the Building So-cieties Commission, the industry's new regulatory body, which is re-quiring them to set aside large amounts of capital before they can

move into new business Concern for profit has already been given as the main reason be-hind the record £18bn merger plan between the Nationwide and the Anglia, announced last month. The enlarged society, both parties argue, will be able to get its branches to work harder, cutting

services.

Others believe estate agency gional but too small to be many prices are inflated and so are maken and the countless small societies with no particular speciality see the many particular speciality s vices. Yet others are pushing invest-ment services, arguing that the re-tail customer is becoming sophisti-cated and wants more than a sav-blood on the floor.

How Eden plotted the downfall of Nasser

cast to expand by 2.9 per cent in 1987 compared with 2.7 per cent last year. The growth rate in France may accelerate to 3.1 per cent this Eden, the Conservative Prime Min-ister and Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, misled parliament and the country over the Suzz crisis in 1956 is disclosed in the Cabinet documents for that year which have been released by the Public Record

balance of payments of around. \$35n and a rise in its inflation rate The documents, now available for scrutiny under the 30-year rule, give the lie to the official line of the to 4.7 per cent, 2 percentage points higher than the average for the Government repeated by Sir Anthony in his broadcast to the nation THE GOVERNMENTS proposal to give creditors the right to see for in-

right to sue for such interest, and that awards should be left to the The employers' backing for the Government move, announced re-cently by Mr David Trippier, junior ployment, does not extend to the on October 29. However, the Cabinet was not told what has since become known - that Mr Selwyn
Lloyd secretly visited Sevres, a Paris suburb in October, to meet
French and Israeli leaders to dis-

26, must be toppled from power and a Government sympathetic to Britain established in his place. It was recognised that military force the possibility of a war on two would have to be used.

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On October 18, Eden and Selwyn tims that none of Britain's objective to the state of th

major change advocated by Mr Ri-chard Ottoway, Conservative MP, which would give creditors an unqualified statutory right to interest. The CBI's move is part of a new

campaign to encourage early pay-ment of bills, on which it will be cuss a joint attack against Egypt.

An indication of the Government which directed it. The forment's early intention to use force came at a meeting on July 30 of the Egypt Committee, an inner group of the test of the test of the condition of the control and to depose the Government which directed it. The forment's early intention to use force despatched to Cairo would have to be accompanied by a political adequate the control of the cont publishing shortly a guidance booklet setting out "best practice" SMALL British companies have been effectively denied access to over film worth of low cost loans

from the European Community, ac-cording to the Confederation of British Industry (CBI). plans to boost imports from the US and narrow its trade surplus with of currency exchange vick country in 1987 by small British companies could not

obtain them. This was despite the fact that the British Government was instru-mental in making cash available for the loans during its presidency of

□ LLOYDS Merchant Bank says that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancelfor of the Exchequer, should be able to cut income tax by 2p in the pound in his spring budget. If oil prices were to hold at around \$18 a barrel. a 4p cut to 25p could not be ruled out, says the bank in its latest economic review.

Lloyd's says that 1987 will be a year of strong growth and buoyant ta. consumer spending in Britain.

London newspaper to be launched on February 10, has appointed a deputy managing director. He is Mr Jeremy Thompson, who used to be operations director of Mirror Group Mountained and believe that a just and last the navy would have the operations director of Mirror Group Mountained and said he was not prepared to turn back the convoy. Mountaintent the world.

The wrote: "Walter Monckton's the world.

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John Hunt looks at Cabinet papers 30 years after the Suez crisis

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Stockton) who died earlier this have to be crushed."

Selwin Lloyd warned that if the military operation continued, British of the Government had decided services the Euchequer. He said that considerate may take advantage of the situation should be continued to the continued of the Government had decided services about the continued that if the military operation continued that if the military operation with the possibility of the Government had decided services and stop the fighting. of the Government had decided eration should be given to the possion of a Soviet invasion of Syria, or much earlier in the year that Col. ble reaction of Israel to any Anglo-Nasser, the Egyptian president who Prench operation against Egypt. It Egyptian forces in Sinia might at and "possibly a direct Soviet attack nationalised the Suez canal on July was important that other Arab

Mould have to be used.

Although no direct evidence of collusion between Britain, France and Israel, emerges from the papers, it is clear that the Cabinet was told that an Israel attack on Egypt was imminent shortly before Israeli troops crossed the Egyptain border on October 29. However, the Cabinet was not told what has since be-

"Their task as soon as effective

A meeting of the committee on operation with the allied forces and there was a note of panic in the August 2 shows that an Israeli at- be ready to negotiate an interna- Cabinet minutes. The Foreign Sec-

On October 24 the Cabinet was told that if an Anglo-French operation was launched it could be assumed that Israel would make a full-scale attack on Egypt. On October 25 Eden told the Cabinet that the Israelis were advancing their preparations purpose was to place the canal under international control, our immediate objective was to bring about the formation of a new Egyptian Government which will distribute the downfall of the present Egyptian Government which will distribute the downfall of the present Egyptian Government which will distribute the downfall of the present Egyptian Government which will distribute the downfall of the capital has for an attack on Egypt and "we must face the risk that we should be accused of collusion with Israel."

By November 6, the day after about the formation of a new Egyptian Government which will disavow Col Nasser's policies, order co-British paratroops landed in Egypt,

Mountbatten challenged Cabinet deeply divided military operation over use of force

was First Sea Lord, made a last-miwas risk sea low, make a last-mi-nute appeal to Sir Anthony Eden to call off the military operation against Egypt during the Suez cri-sis. He challenged the Government to sack him, but this was rejected by Lord Hailsham, the present Lord Chancellor who was then First Lord

of the Admiralty.

The handwritten letter is a dramatic document amongst the Cabinet papers now released. It is dated November 2, shortly before the British paratroops dropped near Port Said on November 5. Lord Mounthatten, the Queen's uncle, pleaded with Eden to call off the invasion, even though British bombing of Egypt had already started the assault convoy, before it is too and the assault convoy had left Mallate as I feel that the landing of

had been aware of his great unhappiness" over launching military operations, and how much he had hatand said he was not prepared to

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tions and to beg you, to turn back troops can only spread the way with He says in the letter that Eden untold misery and worldwide reper-

in the Cabinet over the use of force to solve the Suez crisis is revealed in the papers. Apart from Eden and Selwyn Lloyd, the leading "hawks" ter the meeting that he had been included Lord Salisbury, Lord President of the Council.

Surprisingly, Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Defence, emerges as the chief "dove" opposed to the military operation even though he had to organise it.

He solved his problem of conscience by quietly standing down because of alleged over strain on October 18, shortly before the Anglo-French invasion, but he contin-ued in the Cabinet as Paymaster-

CONSIDERABLE dissension with- ez. But I suspect there will be a there are quite a number of others, especially among the younger members of the Cabinet, who have not yet made up their minds."

On September 11 there was a row in Cabinet when the Foreign Secretary reported that the Egyptian Government had rejected proposals for international control of the canal. He said the first option was to proceed with military action even though the US was opposed to it.

General, still voicing opposition,
Salisbury was worried about the agreed. He said any premature reattitude of Monckton, and also excourse to force, especially without pressed concern over R.A. (Rab) US support, was like to precipitate Butler, leader of the House of Comdisorder throughout the Middle disorder throughout the Middle mons, and younger ministers in the East and alienate a substantial body of public opinion throughout

WORLD TRADE NEWS

Two years earlier she had left her job at the Institute of Race Relations in Johannesburg Race Relations in Johannesburg to join Corobrik, the country's largest brick maker. The company advertised itself as a progressive equal opportunity employer. But, as the only black in her department, Connie, a lively, forthright Zulu speaker who is divorced with two children at school, dictatorial and antocratic." On reflection, Koopman recognised attitudes of her co-workers and that these were pracisely the attitudes of her co-workers and that these were precisely the felt she had been discrimin- kind of attributes inculcated by ated against when she was the system under which most passed over for promotion in whites are educated and favour of an Indian lady with brought up in South Africa. less qualifications and experi-

cheated and oppressed. I decided I would try and get a iob with a foreign-owned company. They have a better reputation for real equal opportunity. When I heard that Cash-build was not only a South African company but controlled the largest Afrikaner holding company, I hearly gave up on the spot."

Six months after starting work at Cashbuild's new depot at Springs, 60 kms east of Johannesburg, she is glad she ignored her preconceptions. she ignored her preconceptuate.
For Cashbulld under Albert to do was somehow restore practice.
Koopman, a 39-year-old Arikaner in labour, build up self-esteem and make our employees feel and both as neople and who spent ten years in Mozam-bique during the struggle for de-colonialisation, has com-bined fast growth in profits and

BEFORE Connie Fagazile applied for a job as assistant manager with the South African builders supply company Cashbuild she did a bit of checking up through the of checking up through the former Kirsch group, he realized from her home in the going nowhere. Aithough the black township of Duduza, near Springs, a largely Afrikaans-speaking white mining and speaking white mining and cashbuild's profits were falling from a gold-backed boom, Cashbuild's profits were down, sales were listless, staff were unmotivated. Koopman, a restless, inquisitive character with an eelectic start to Alvin Toffier's Future Shock and Schumscher's Small is Beautiful, first set out to question his white managers about the company's poor state. about the company's poor state.

"I went round all the branches and asked a thousand questions. I found that most of my managers blamed their black labour force for being indolent, uninterested, unmotivated." When he probed further into their perception of his own management style the response man after this sobering experi-ence was the thought that if his white lieutenants thought like

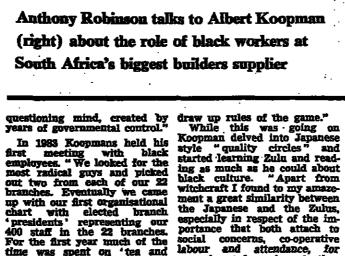
that, what was the attitude of black workers.

One of the questions he asked black workers on his systematic tour of the then 18 branches was "How are you paid?" The standard reply went something like this. "A green van comes round on Fridays. Two men carry a box into the office and I get paid out of that box." It was a perfect description of how it happened but revealed total ignorance of the way in which that money was earned. "I realised that what we had One of the questions he asked "I realised that what we had in labour, build up self-esteem through diagrams, for example, and make our employees feel which put the customer at the worthy both as people and apex of a pyramidical structure workers. This meant ending the and stressed the importance of separation between a worker's co-operation and team work purpose and the purpose of "The idea was to define the work and a subservient, un-purpose of the game and then

Cashbuild

A step in a democratic direction

Anthony Robinson talks to Albert Koopman (right) about the role of black workers at South Africa's biggest builders supplier



time was spent on 'tea and coffee issues' -- complaints about example, at funerals and other the indignities of 'petty apar-theid'—and demands for more family occasions." time off for shopping to attend funerals and so on." In the meantime Koopman was seeking through direct contacts to get across a "wholistic" concept of the company,

Increasingly Koopman got invited back to the homes of his black workers. "I have eaten donkey meat with golden cuttery brought out for the occasion and been to homes with 13 people sleeping on the floor. It is important to know how your workers live."

He also recalls the day when diminished. This breakthrough on the personal level was matched on a company level 12 months into He also recalls the day when one of the most militant union members in the company questioned his motivation. "After 300 years of white oppression

what Koopman calls the com-pany's "empowerment" pro-gramme when the branch "presidents," reflecting the wishes of their branches,

why should we believe that you are any different," he was asked.
At that point Koopman recalls,
"I took of my jacket and tie,
lay on the floor and told him

to trample all over ms. I told him there was no way we could

run a successful company if I was going to be held respon-

sible for 300 years of history all the time." The unionist,

totally non-plussed, stepped back. The man, Kaiser Sihlangu, is now one of the

most loval company members.

He has left the union and is

now number two in a store which he is expected to take

over as manager within the next six months. Indeed, the union's

of 1986.
According to Etienne Le
Roux, Sankor's general man-ager of finance, managers
like Albert Koopman are encouraged to use their entrepreneurial skills so long

executive officer, Mervyn King, is repossible for Sankorp's extensive whole-sale and retail trading empire, a sector which increased heavily in importance when Sankam bought out Kirsch Trading from entrepreneur Natie Kirsch at the beginning of 1886.

rejected the whole concept of representative democracy as embodied in the "presidents." They also rejected the concept of shop stewards and decided that what they wanted was participative democracy.

After further brainstorming After further brainstorming sessions workers and management came out with a concept which they called "venture communication" or venturecom for short. Perceived as a platform for participative shop floor democracy, each branch set up its own venturecom responsible for five aspects of each branch's activity. Introduced in January 1985 the system has an elected member responsible for quality of life, safety, labour, merchandising and operations. dising and operations.

With 91 per cent of the labour force black, of which 60 per cent is illiterate, the only limitation on choice is that workers responsible for the last two areas—merchandising and operations—be literate.

"We did not set out with the aim of black advancement but of making this company profit-able. But we have actually created a culture which is conducive to advancement," Koop-man claims, backing up his boast by pointing to the 34 black workers now preparing for management positions.

Meanwhile the company, which is well placed to take advantage of the major growth expected in black urbanisation over the next decade, has clocked up an impressive profits record. Net profit before tax per employee has risen from 1,648 rand in 1983 to 6,631 rand in 1986 reflecting sharply higher productivity. Earlier this year the company was floated on the Johanensburg

At present Cashbuild has only around 3.5 per cent of a building materials market worth around 2bn rand (£650m) annually but aims to raise its share to 10 per cent by the end of the decade.

and the necessary managerial and financial systems are in

of worker democracy in operation at Cashbuild may not be repentable elsewhere. But Koopman's experiment is being watched with keen interest by personnel and other managers within the Sanlam group and outside as South African business generally seeks new ways of reducing the alienation and frustration of blocks at the problems.

'A fungus thriving in dark corners

Michael Skapinker reports on absenteeism

YOUR BEST friend is getting "Why don't they hand out a married on a day when you are supposed to be at work. What do you do? Don't ask the supervisor for time off, Brian No one really takes respects the might refuse. Far better to phone in frequently find that absence the best talls. sick, he tells them. One of his colleagues is a little nervous about this. He

little nervous about this. He wonders whether it's right to take sick leave if you're not really ill. "What do you think's going to happen?" Brian asks him. "They don't rush around in a squad car and whisk you off to hospital for a body scan. It's your word against theirs." Britain is full of Brisns. A 1985 survey by the Industrial Society concluded that absenteeism costs the British economy 200m working days a year. Absenteeism "undermines productivity and profits. It eats away at morale. Far too few people realise that the working days Britain loses through absenteeism render almost insignisenteeism render almost insigni-ficant the days lost through trade union disuputes," writes management consultant Andrew Sargent in a booklet which accompanies the training video in which Brian appears.

Absenteeism is a sensitive subject; Sargent says. People ARE sometimes too ill to come ARE sometimes too in to come in to work. And trying to dis-cover whether employees really have been as ill as they claim often produces hostility and defensiveness. "Are you telling stock Exchange and over the past four months its shares have rocketed from 1.10 rand to over 4 rand. Some 31 per cent of its employees hold briefing.

While absence from work is often caused by genuine illness, there are other employees who take sick leave to decorate the living room. There are many more who phone in sick when they feel just slightly off colour. As the video, "Gone Today

Here Tomorrow," points out:
Even the most interesting and
stimulating job can lack
glamour on a morky Monday

The video shows Brian's supervisor, Dennis, trying to evade responsibility for the high level of absenteeism in his section. "I don't know how many times I've been in here belly-aching about it," he tells the factory manager. "It's like talking to a brick wall. No one does anything about it." Who hasn't done anything about it."

hasn't done anything about it?
"Personnel," Dennis sava.

That is the principal problem with absenteelsm, Sargent says. No one really takes responsibility for it. "Consequently we frequently find that absence control is vested in personnel specialists, welfare officers to the problem of the problem." be

even company medical staff," he says. When employees decide says. When employees decide to stay away from work, they often simply phone the company receptionist, or get someone else to do so. "Has Tom phoned in yet?" the factory manager asks Dennis, the supervisor. "Switchboard took it. His wife the supervisor. phoned in. Dicky stomach,' Dennis tells him. Rather than the persons

Rather than the personnel department, line managers and supervisors should take responsibility for absentesian, Sargent argues. They are the people who know the employees best and who are responsible pest and who are responsible to employers and shareholders for achieving results. "It may not be their job to punish the ungodly or pronounce upon the solution to a long-term case. But it is their job to manage attendance."

By keeping proper records of who is off sick and why, and by asking persistently absent employees whether they need any medical or other profes-sional help, supervisors could reduce absantseism signifi-cantly, the video argues. If they know that their immediate superiors are taking a firm but superiors are taking a new but friendly interest in their health, many more employees are likely to make the effort to come in to work.

"Absenteesim is a fungus that thrives in dark corners. The more light and air you throw on it the more you stunt it," the video says.

Sargent quotes a study by the conciliation service Acas which shows absenteeism is lower in small working environ-ments. He says there is also evidence to suggest that manual employees are absent twice as often as office staff and that they, in turn, are off work twice as often as managers. It would be interesting to know whether orgainsations with profit-charing or employee share ownership schemes have a lower level of shop floor absented those which do not.

"Gone Today — Here To-morrow," Guild Sound and Royce Road Peter-h, PE1 5YB.

Dominant influence

capitalisation on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange as well as a plethera of non-quoted companies.

Apart from this concentrated power in the private sector the state also controls a stable of large para-state corporations, including the electricity corporation, Escom, the Iscor steel corporation, the Armstor defence industry complex, the railways, South African Airways and others. The state also spreads its tentacles through the economy with its FEW ECONOMIES are FEW ECONOMIES are so dominated by a handful of large industrial mining and financial conglomerates as that of South Africa. The six major groups—Anglo American Corporation, Old Mutual, Sunlam, Rembrandt, Anglo Vanl and Liberty Life—between them control over 30 per cent of the market

comprehensive system of agricultural control beards. This concentration of econo-mic power provides a text book example of oligopoly at But, as the example of Cushbuild shows, line management in the subsidisties of these large corporations often enjoy considerable operational freedom to run their companies, Samban, headed by Dr Fred du Piessis who, in the post-sanctions, slege in the post-sanctions, siege economy era now upon South Africa is probably the Afri-

greatest access to and infinence in government circles, ultimately controls Cashbuild. Earlier this year Saanlam decided to group its steadily growing industrial, banking, insurance and mining in-terests into a new industrial bolding company salled San-kerp. The chief executive kerp. The chief executive efficers of the principal divi-sions report to the Sanker

The unconventional form

TECHNOLOGY

mated by computers. However, Dr Michael de

Smith Kline is just

being defensive

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tion runs.

Wilde, head of molecular genetics at the Belgian laboratory, claims the Smith Kline process is more efficient than Merch's, and more economically "scaled up" to larger production must

The key to these improvements, De Wilde believes, lies in Smith Kline's patented method for extracting the minute quantities of surface antigen from the fermentation broth, combined with a way of nutriting the product using

Perhaps even more important De Wilde thinks the Smith Kline strain of yeast may be more productive, allowing the company to make Engerix B in

Smith gives Merck taste of its own genetic medicine

Stephanie Yanchinski in Singapore reports as the two US companies battle for dominance in Asian vaccine market

THE approval last month in Europe of a new hepatitis vac-cine made by genetic engineering signals the first shots in a battle between two giant US drug companies for markets in the Far East. Smith Kline-RIT, the Belgian subsidiary of Philadelphia-based Smith Kline Beckman, has been awarded a licence to market its Engerix B vaccine in Belgium. This, the company expects, will speed up the product's registration in the rest of Europe, Australia, and Canada

tive market for hepatitis vac-cines is in Asia, where the disease affects millions of people and is a killer. Thus Smith Kline's plans to market Engeriz B in South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore brings it into and singapore orings it into fierce competition with the world's number one drug com-pany, Merck Sharp and Dohme, for control of a market cur-rently worth at least US\$100m

Merck was first into the fray with its genetically engineered hepatitis vaccine called Recombivax, winning the coveted approval of the tough US Food and Drug Administration. Marketed as B-Hepavac II in Asia, the product is already on sale in Singapore, where a fic ling company Singapore Biotech handles its distribution and test

Although their products are very similar, the two companies have adopted very different strategies for their drive into Asia. Smith Kline wishes to strengthen its already powerful position in Asian pharmaceutiposition in Asian pharmaceut-cal markets by selling its pro-duct widely and inexpensively. Dr C. Huygelen, vice presi-dent and general manager of Smith Kline Biologicals, pre-dicts a "significant" drop in price as the volume of sales goes up. "In our new, US\$100m plant in Belgium, we can produce the vaccine on such an economic scale that as sales increase the price can be expected to come down," says



which ranks among the top three capcers in the world. There are 300,000 new cases a year, and the disease is almost always fatal.
Of the estimated 240m who

Our manufacturing process is more efficient than Merck's -Smith Kline

carry the virus throughout the world 70 per cent live in Asia, where hepatitis is most often passed on from mother to newborn child. In China, for instance, half of these carriers die of liver-related diseases such as cirrhosis or liver can-

Repatitis is not only a probvirus. Doctors, dental workers and other medical personnel in more developed countries will remain stable, at around US\$100 for three doses, but plans to license its technology to countries in the area which prefer to make and market their own product.

Hepatitis B is a serious liver infiamation caused by a virus. Patients suffer from fever, nausea, vomiting, and jaundice. Chronic infection leads to lem of the East. It can be con-tracted by skin contact with the virus. Doctors, dental workers

cirrhosis, and permanent liver however, created unjustified damage.

More serious still, hepatitis the safety of products derived has been linked to liver cancer, from infected blood. Of those tion racillues. For insulate, production at Smith Kline's new US\$100m vaccine plant in Riksensart, Belgium involves no less than 18 steps, many autoat risk in the US less than a third have been vaccinated be-cause of such worries. For Merck, faced with this

For Merck, faced with this intractible marketing problem, and Smith Kline, anxious to consolidate its position in Far Eastern pharmaceutical markets, only genetic engineering provided a way of manufacturing a hepatitis vaccine that would be considered safe and would be considered safe and could be produced in large enough quantities.

Both companies developed biotechnology processes relying on derivatives of ordinary baker's yeast grown relatively cheaply in steel fermenters. The yeasts are genetically reprogrammed to manufacture large quantities of a particle called a "surface antigen" derived from the hepatitis virus. Injected as part of a vaccine this protein particle provokes the same immune response in the human body as a viral in-

acquired a ready-made yeast strain from Chiron, a fast-rising genetic engineering company on the West Coast of America.

erck's Dr Peter Ellis claim his company then did "90-95 per cent" of the additional development work to improve the strain genetically and set up a commercial process. As a result, he says, Merck lifted the yield by "an order of magni-tude" and created a much more powerful vaccine than Engerix B. Recombivar's recommen dosage is half that of the Smith Kline product.

scientists could experiment with different yeast strains and

come up with one that produce

known variety.

more protein than any other

Merck, on the other hand

Dr Ellis believes that Smith Kline is being "defensive" about an inferior product and he says "looking at all of the clinical results, ours appears better than theirs." Meanwhile, Merck and Smith

Kline face competition from at least balf a dozen other pharmaceutical companies spending millions of dollars on develop-ing the next generation of ing the next generation of genetically engineered vaccines. Wellcome Biotechnology, a subsidiary of Burroughs Wellcome of the US is focusing on one of the most promising alternatives made with cells taken from the Chinese hamster. This vaccine may prove to be more immuno genic than those prepared in

However, it is unlikely that even these developments will bring down the price to that of conventional vaccines sold at a few cents a dose, which goes against the conventional wisdom that genetic engineering always

means cheaper drugs.
Elinor A. Fagan, Merck's product manager for Recombivax has commented that the cost of biocontinment, "coupled with the increasing cost of doing science and clinical trials. pushes up the price of the final product." The only long-term solution for countries too poor to afford Merck's prices is to "licence the technology, and become self-sufficient," he says.

purifying the product using this strategy could pay other stacked columns filled with dividends. For instance, in China, and South Korea a willingness to part with advanced technology could open up markets for other products of the US pharcompany to make Engerix B in fermenters less than a third the size of Merck's.

Smith Kline says that by relying on its own resources its maceutical companies. Both Merck and Smith Kline are in discussions with the Chinese over joint ventures involving hepatitis vaccines.

VALUITINE

Credit cards: The copybook solution CARRS PAPER of Birmingham, UK, claims to have made a significant improve-ment to the three-sheet sets of credit card slips used throughout retailing.

Edited in Geoffrey Charlish

Currently, carbon paper is interleaved with counterfeils to produce copies when pressed against the card in a shop's imprinter. But the information shown can be used to make counterfeit. cards—already a serious prob-lem in the US. The carbon copies are also dirty, creating problems for shop assistants in retail areas such as clothing and food, for example.

Marks and Spencer, the large UK stores chain, re-cently tried conventional self-copying "ne-carbon" paper but found that the optical scauners it uses could not read the impressions. Even carbon paper strips applied to key areas were tested, but these jammed the reader.

So Carrs, in conjunction with a Marks and Spencer credit card set supplier, Standard Continuous of Birmingham, has developed impression coatings that give perfectly clear results in the imprinter on all three cheets. imprinter on all three sheets. The coatings are also totally clean. Five million sets have been supplied to Marks and Spencer and these according to Carrs are "working well."

Electronic images put on the slide DICOMED (UK) has introwhich, in a single workstation, combines on-screen facilities for composing pictures and a means of turning the images into high quality 35 mm film slides.

Called Designer PC, the

microcomputer with a high resolution celeur monitor and a graphics tablet to create the images (what is drawn on the tablet appears on the screen). Then, the data goes to a Honeywell film recorder which makes the

Quick-on-the-draw document storage HARD ON the heels of KIMS, the image management system recently launched by Kodak of the US, the UK company Rank Cintel has also com-

pleted development of a system based on microfilm with quick access, stanning and viewing of original docu-ments on electronic screens.

The apparatus is called Retriever and, like KIMS, it frees expensive effice storage space for other purposes and allows quick access to original document images.

document images.

Retriever, however, uses 512 eight-inch strips of 35mm film stored round the periphery of a dram which is rotated to allow any strip to be removed by robot arm and seamed in about six seconds. (Kodak uses cassettes of 16mm microfilm and the average access time for a page is 45 seconds.)

Each of Retriever's eight-ineh film strips holds 2,610 A4 page images. The whole "image server" system for storage, access and scanning of over 1.2m A4 documents occupies the space of a four-drawer filing cabinet. The definition is good. Each A4 page image is turned into im pixels (picture elements). elements). neuts).

The display terminals allow 2mm-high characters to be clearly seen and have memory facilities which can capture four documents and hold them for comparison purpose. Conventional networking or optical fibre connections between storage and workstations are available.

Jaguar screens its mechanics JAGUAR cars has installed 120 interactive video systems at dealerships throughout the UK as an aid to maintainance of its new XJ40 model.

of its new A.J. model.

The system, called Multimedia Interactive Control
(MIC), is offered by VideoLogic of Lendon and consists
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French light way on wheel chairs FRENCH COMPANY Potrier

FRENCH COMPANY Poirier has reduced the weight of folding wheel chairs to about 12 kgs from the more usual figure of about 20 kgs. The chairs are made from composite plastics, materials and glued aluminium. They have been developed in collaboration with Aerospatial, the French aerospace company.

Ceramics start to show more fibre

REINFORCED eeramics are the subject of a new repart from Technical Innights, the New Jersey, US, high technology informs

US, high technology informa-tion services company.

The report examines tech-nologies, markets, fabrications that are coming to light. For example, Japanese estims research teams are looking at diesel engines with high isin-perature fibro-ceramic engine blocks that need no cooling or labrication. Already stilica fibre has been developed for space shuttle tiles (designed to withstand the heat of re-entry from space). Materials to withstand the heat at re-emity from space). Materials are even under development to replace the use of metal in cutting tools.

The £15-page report, Fibre Reinforced Caramics: Ad-vanced Material for Today's Needs, costs \$845 outside the US.

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NEW YORK

Metropolitan Opera (Opera House): The week features Rigoletto conducted by Thomas Fulton in John Dexter's production with Mariella Dexter's Shorall Milrowith Devia, Sherrill Milnes, Dano Raf-fanti and Dimitri Kavrakos; La Bofanti and Dimitri Kavrakos; La Bohème conducted by Julius Rudel in
Franco Zeffirelli's production with
Leona Mitchell, Barbara Daniels
and Brian Schemayder; Die Fledermaus conducted by Jeffrey Tate
with Kiri Te Kanawa, Tatiana Troyanos and Otto Schenk in Otto
Schenk's production; and Madama
Butterfly conducted by Gianfranco
Masini in Renata Scotto's staging
with Miss Scotto, Vasile Modoveanu
and Leous Carlson Lincoln Center and Lenus Carlson. Lincoln Center

New York City Ballet (New York State
Theater): Following the final seasonal performances of The Notcracker, the company's 85th season
continues with repertoire by Balanchine and Jerome Robbins, including two of last spring's world premleres by Robbins, Quiet City and
Piccolo Balletto. Lincoln Center
(8705370).

WASHINGTON

Washington Opera (Terrace): The com-pany's season at the Terrace Thea-tre features Don Pasqale in a new production by Douglas Wager con-ducted by Cal Stewart Kellogg with Francois Loup in the title role, Pam-ela South as Norina and Gran Wil-son as Ernesin. The 1982 Englishela South as Norina and Gran Wil-son as Ernesto. The 1982 English-language production of The Abduc-tion from the Seraglio returns con-ducted by Arnold Ostman with Joyce Guyer as Constanze, David Knebler as Belmonte and Kenneth Cux as Osmin. Kennedy Center (254 9895).

CHICAGO

Lyric Opera: Lotfi Mansouri's 1881 production of The Merry Widow continues with Maria Ewing in the title role, Alan Titus as Prince Danilo and Jerry Hadley as Camille de Rossillony, conducted by Baldo Podic. (332 2244).

Staatsoper: A Summer Night's Dream conducted by Richter; La Boheme conducted by Mackerras with Freni, Wise, Dvorsky, Hornik, Helm; Die Fledermaus conducted by Neuhold with Ghazarian, Dernesch, Lind. (51 44/26 55)

with Ghazarian, Derizoni,
(51 444/26 55).

collisoper: Madame Pompadour conducted by Bibl; Der Opernhall conducted by Boncompagni; Die Fiedermans conducted by Bibl.

LONDON

Purcell Room (6pm) Bingham String Quartet, Patterson, Stachowski, Lu-toslawski (Mon). Purcell Room (7.30pm): Tom Blach and Susan Tomes, pianos and Mat-thias Feile, cello. Janacak, Debussy and others. (Mon).

Wigmore Hall: Trio Finnico. Beethov-en) Shostakovich and Mendelssohn. (Mon).

Purcell Room (Spm): Elysian Piano Trio Devid Motthers and Rosel

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Dearnley, callo, James Lisney, pi-ano and James Woodrow, guitar. Bartok, Tippett and Kodaly and oth-

ers (Tre).

Purcell Room (7.30pm): Anne Carewe, cello, Jorge Nestro Serreyra and Malcolm Martineau, pianos and Elizabeth Layton, violin. Knussen, Lutuslawski, Britten and others (Wed).

(Wed). Wigmore Hall: Robert Hall, bass baritone, accompanied by Andras Schiff. Schubert (Wed).

Purcell Room (6pm): Leda Piano Trio. Goehr, Adrian Williams and Wood. (Thur).

Purcell Room (7.30pm): Theodore Ulrich, cello, Julius Drake and Andrew Bottrill, piano and Daniel Rye, clarinet. Poulenc, Berlo, Patierson and others (Thur).

Wigmore Hall: London Handel Orchestra conducted by Denys Dar-

hestra conducted by Denys Dar-ow. Geminiani concerti grossi

NEW YORK
Carnegle Hall: Juliard String Quartet.
Beethoven, Spohr, Ravel, Mozart
(Mon); Ramsey Lewis jazz planist
recital (Tue); Arthur Green piano
recital Scriabin, Ives, Chopin (Wed);
Orchestra of St Lukes, Julius Rudel
conducting, Jorge Bolet piano. Schumann, Liszt, Dvorak (Thur).
(2477800).
New York Philharmonic (Avery Fisher
Hall): Erich Leinsdorf conducting.



Mstislav Rostropovich, who conducts the US National Symphony Orchestra in a Berlioz, Sibelius and Brahms programme at the Kennedy Center, Washington, next week

Strauss, Debussy, Schumann (Thur). Lincoln Center (8742424).

Waverly Consort (Alice Tully Hall): George Mgrdichian. Spanish music of the year 1492, covering court and religious music as well as songs of the wandering Sephandim (Thur). Lincoln Center (3621911)

WASHINGTON

lational Symphony (Concert Hall): Mstislav Rostropovich conducting,

Andre Watts piano. Berlioz, Sibelius, Brahms (Thur). Kennedy Center (254 3776).

CHICAGO

Ensemble A Corde (Orchestra Hall).
Bach, Hindemith, Mozart, Reger (Wed, 5.45). (4358111)
Chicago Symphony (Orchestral Hall):
Yoel Levi conducting, Haydn, Roy Harris, Prokofiev (Thur). (4358111).

Theatre

LONDON

es Liaisons Dangerouses (Amb dors): Christopher Hampton's terly version of Lacks' epis terly version of Laclos epistolary novel is sexy, witty and wise, like a collaboration between Marivaux and de Sade. Howard Davies's sell-

canadramic between hadrones and de Sade. Howard Davies's sellout pre-Revolutionary production for the RSC has moved from the Pit with Alan Rickman and Lindsay Duncan still battling and bitching over lovers and other riffreff. (836 6111, CC 856 1171). Mealifance (Barbican): Rarely seen Shaw, and a much underrated play, given the full RSC works by John Caird, a Polish new woman crashing into the surrey conservatory in her monoplane. Jane Lapotaire sparkles alongside Brian Cox, Elizabeth Spriggs and newcomer Richard McCabe (628 8795, CC 638 8891). The Phantom of the Opera (Her Majesty's). Spectacular but emotionally nutritional new musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber emphasising the romance in Leroux's 1911 novel. Happens in a wonderful Paris Opera

pens in a wonderful Paris Opera ambience designed by Maria Bjoru-son. Hal Prince's alert, affectionate son. Hal Prince's alert, amenance production contains a superb cen-tral performance by Michael Craw-ford. A new, meritorious and pal-pable hit. (839 2244, CC

ford. A new, meritorious and pat-pable hit. (839 2244, CC 379 6131/249 7200). Feman in Mind (Vandeville): Alan Ayckbourn's new comedy has a bril-liant performance by Julia McKen-zie as a dissatisfied housewife visit-ed on her own service lawn by an

zie as a dissatisfied housewife visited on her own garden lawn by an
imaginary ideal family. Bleak but
funny, hailed in some quarters as
vanguard feminist drama; be not
put off by that. (836 9987/5845).
Startight Express (Apollo Victoria):
Andrew Lloyd Webber's rollerakating folly has 10 minutes of Spielberg
movie magic, an exciting first half
and a dwindling reliance on
indiscriminate rushing around. Disneyland, Star Wars and Cats are all
influences. Pastiche score nods towards rock, country and hot gospel.

influences. Pastiche some nods towards rock, country and hot gospel.
No child is known to have asked for
his money back. (834 6184).
42nd Street (Drury Lane): No British
equivalent has been found for New
York's Jerry Orbach, but David Marrick's tap-dancing extravaganza has
been rapturously received.
(838 8108).

NEW YORK

Cats (Winter Garden): Still a sellout, Trevor Nunn's production of T.S. Elliot's children's poetry set to trendy music is visually startling and choreographically feline, but classic

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(239 6262).

42nd Street (Majestic): An immodest
celebration of the heyday of Broad-

celebration of the heydry of Broadway in the '30s incorporates gems from the original film like Shuffle Off To Buffalo with the appropriately brash and leggy hoofing by a large chorus line. (977 9020).

A Chorus Line (Shubert): The longestrunning musical ever in America has not only supported Joseph Papp's Public Theater for eight years but also updated the musical genre with its backstage story in which the songs are used as auditions rather than emotions. (239 6200).

(239 6200).

La Cago aux Folles (Palace): With some timeful Jerry Herman songs. Harvey Fierstein's adaptation of the French film manages, barely, to capture the feel of the sweet and hilar-live critical between high-kicking ious original between high-kicking and gandy chorus numbers. (757,2626).

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I'm Not Rappaport (Booth): The Tony's best play of 1988 won on the strength of its word-of-mouth popularity for the two oldstens on Central Park benches who bicker uproariously about life past, present and future, with a funny plot to match. (239 6200).

Big River (O'Neill): Roger Miller's music rescues this sedentary version of Huck Finn's adventures down the Mississippi, which walked off with many 1985 Tony awards almost by default. (246 0220).

The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Imperial): Rupert Holme's Tony-winning resurrection of the unfinished Dickens classic is an ingenious musical

ens classic is an ingenious musical with music-hall times where the au-dience picks an ending. (239 6200).

pantomingen, Schouwburg. Christmas pantomine (in Dutch) written and directed by Alexander Doré: Hashi-waxam's Magic Mirror (Tue, mati-nee Wed). (12 56 45).

Pump Boys and Dinettes (Apollo Cen-ter): Facetious look at country music and down-home country life with a good best and some memorable songs, especially one played on kit-chen utensils has proved to be a du-rable Chicago hit. (935 6100).

The Marriage of Betty & Boo (Arena): Christopher Durang's latest swipe at domestic life and marriage has an

ary American family. James C. Ni-cola directs a cast headed by Casey Biggs, Donna Snow and Thomas Anthony Quinn. Ends Nov 23. es Miserables (Opera House): The American tour that will end up on American unit time wat earl up on Broadway early in the new year be-gins in Washington as a celebration of the British musical's leap beyond its American forebears. Ends Feb 14. (254 5770).

Kabuki (National Theatre) Kanadehon Chushingura (The Treasury of Loyal Retainers). Better known as the revenge of the 47 Roain, the play is based on an incident in 1702 of samurais revenge for their master's death. The story is basically accurate and is particularly illuminating in what it reveals of Japanese loyalty. "face", form, obligation, vendetta etc. – norms which still underpin Japanese society. This month sees the final in the 3-part series and has star line of Kabukit best-known actors. English language programme and excellent earphone guide. National Theatre, near Nagataseho and major hotels. (265 7411). Rabuki (Kabuki-za) Of the various extracts from plays and dances, those tracts from plays and denotes, those featuring famous female impersona-tor Tamesaburo Bando should draw tor Tamesabure Bando should draw
the crowds. In the morning performance he dances Kyo Kancho Musume Dojoji. In the evening C-Matsuri festival dance he is joined by
equally famous actors. Kakugoro
and Tatsunosuke, Excellent English
programme and warphone guide.
Kabuki-za, near Ginza. (541 3131).
Cats: Revival of the Shiki Company's
remowned 1984 production in the
special tent theatre. Excellent set,
effects, good dancing and Kabuki
tricks and movement compensate
somewhat for the lack of characterisation and gamma vitality. Nonesomewhat for the lack of characterisation and genuine vitality. None-theless, worth seeing. Directed by Keita Asari. (320 4000).

The Water Station, first and best of the trilogy by Shogn Ota which ex-plores aspects of human nature, sol-turiness, communication by silent

thestre. Very pertinent and appro-priate to the Japanese. The Water Station has been seen at many ve-nues outside Japan and is a moving and compelling treatment. Per-formed by Ota's Tenkei Troupe at their base. To Shain converted their base, T2 Studio, converted from a warehouse. The civilising amenity of a theatre bar, interesting performing space and location and especially a play without language problems all promise a rewarding evening. T2 Studio is near Hikawa-dai (Versheelee, Line heaven) Itolya. dai (Yurakucho Line beyond Ikebu-

Exhibitions

Esteve: After important exhibitions in Germany, Switzerland and Scandi-navia, Paris in turn honours the abstract French artist born in 1904. Stract French artist born in 1904. The retrospective consists of 116 paintings, 59 watercolours, nearly as many drawings, some collages and tapestries and shows Esteve's development. Influenced at first by Califsm and fascinated by Cazanne. he continues obstinately on his own softary road until he achieves an equilibrium between a rigorous

composition and an explosion of col-ours. Grand Palais, Closed Tue, Ends Jan 12 (4256 6324). Musée d'Orsay. The spectacular mu-seum of the 19th century is situated opposite the Tulleries Garden with-the the modellies consequences of the in the metallic structure and the glass-roofed vault of the vast Belle Enoque railway station. It houses paintings, sculptures, objets d'art and photographs from the end of the romantic period to the beginnings of modern art and the impressionist and Post-Impressionist col-lections formerly in the Jeu de Panne. Here they are counterbal-

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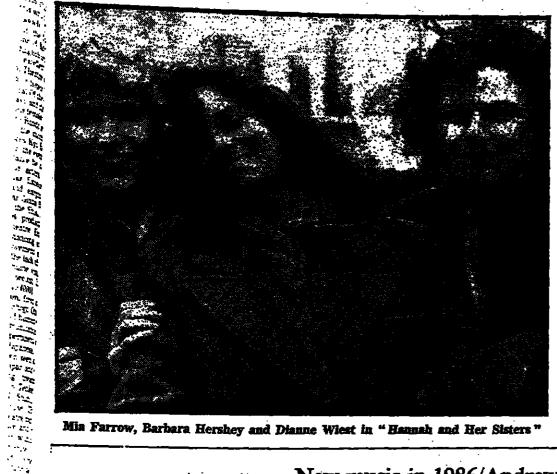
Business takes off with Falcon.

Film in 1986/Nigel Andrews

The patient is out of bed and alive and kicking

With more people going to films and new multiplex movie theatres being planned or built, in the past year is that it is elegated no longer dying, and indeed is visibly rallying. We patient out of hospital and out of hospital and out of hospital and patient out of patient out of hospital and patient out of these movies, all those and actentation to put images of and points east, there is a determination to put images of appeal or budgetary ambier of appeal or budgetary and patient is a determ

public). And it is a timely re-buff to his relatives, who were hoping to benefit from the will. Will have to go away, or else such close-kin media as TV, wait considerably longer than video and cable, which could expected.



Mia Farrow, Barbara Hershey and Dianne Wlest in "Hannah and Her Sisters"

in the UK are less salutary—37 feature films going before the cameras last year against 55 in 1985 — the firming up of audience demand should fuel an improvement in 1987.

Public interest in the cinema

Public interest in the chema as a topic, and its good or ill health, has seldom been higher. Subjects such as the vicissitudes of Goldcrest or the buccaneerings of the Camon process. group are headline-winning topics in most British news-

And in the year's films a spirit of exuberance on screen has matched, or helped to sus-tain, the renewed vitality of in-terest and debate off screen. The most striking feature of this decade has been the way popular and populist cinema has taken over the mantle of attention. among critics and film students, from what used to be called (forbidding phrase) "art cinema." Europe has gone into sad decline as a film-making force. Where once no world movies year would be complete without its annual Bergman, Bunnel, Antonioni or Godard, now most cinematic years can count the significant European films on the sprocketholes of one film frame.

The lack of heirs to the old

European masters is in part a reflection of the worldwide reaction against modernism in the arts, whereby the more gruelling extremes of avant-gardism and "suffering for art" have less through and the placetres. and "suffering for art" bave There is, accordingly, no lost favour and the pleasure shortage of drama, emotion principle has been reinstated in and colourful conflict in fields as diverse as literature modern cinema at either end

tainments like Top Gun and Aliens leap to the top of the year's box office charts; and even movies presenting themselves as ambassadors for presenting themselves are the second for th tige literature (Out of Africa, The Color Purple) come giftwrapped in wide-screen, allcolour values.

Of course alternative, arthouse-style forms of cinema are house-style forms of cinema are still about. The low-budget, independent film is alive and and well and, to a startling degree, British. My Beautiful Launderette, Letter To Brezhnev and Mona Lisa, together with the more lavishly styled but scarcely more expensive A Boom With A View, have spent 1986 scooping up indecent quantities of praise and profit here and in America. cent quantities of praise and profit here and in America. But the difference between these arthouse films and the previous generation's is that today's are almost as populist in style and appeal as mainstream commercial movies. Letter To Brezhneo is a love story across the political divide Mona Lisa is a gangster film about a hoodium with a heart. And even My Benutiful Launderette is a Romeo And Juliet-style romance made to seem funkier and more subversive than it is by the fact that the romancers are both male, and that instead of Montagues versus Capulets we have white punks versus Pakistani immigrants.

last director living who was were more than merely handgiving us films for serious thought and for the long attention span. In Tarkovsky's movies, when "nothing" is happening you can be sure that everything is happening. It is happening in the fluctuating shapes of a cloudscape, the complex archesome of a complex arch

complex arabesque of a camera movement, the blink of a character's eye, the photo-graphy's subtle modulations between black-and-white and palest tints of green or brown. Tarkovsky set his audiences huge challenges of interpreta-tion and response, and he demoted the Hollywood trinity

of values — action, story interest and spectacle — to umpteenth place among his priorities.

His work has become a price-less admonition to us today. It tells us that however much serious moviegoers may congratulate themselves on having learned to stop worrying and love popular cinema, they cannot spend the rest of their lives on permanent holiday from the kind of cinema direc-tors like Bergman or Antonioni or Tarkovsky have represented: a cinema of real but difficult beauty, of mental and spiritual challenge; a cinema whose power to astonish is no less considerable for being less extrovert where surprise con-sists of moments of truth ambushing our innermost being rather than moments of spectacle ambushing creasingly jaded eyes.

colourful or action-

Ran: Kurosawa's King Lear, Ran: Kuroszwa's King Leur, that like a ferocious animated tapestry. Ginger And Fred: Fellim's glorious media lampoon, with two aging dancers hoofing it through a Dante's-Inferno-style TV variety show. After Hours: Martin Scorsese's witty and surreal nightmare of New York after midnight witty and surreal nightmare of New York after midnight. Hannah And Her Sisters: Woody Allen in New York-Chekhovian mood, with a funny fugue about lives of "quiet desperation." Year Of The Dragon: Michael Cimino back in business with a savagely antiheroic police thriller. Legend of The Surem Fortress: Parad.

neroic police thriller. Legend Of The Suram Fortress: Paradianov's period parable, filmed in glowing iconic images. Smooth Talk: Joyce Chopra's eerly perceptive tale of teenage growing pains in California. A Room With A View: the Ivory-Merchant-Jhabvala team take on E. M. Forster and win take on E. M. Forster and win take on E. M. Forster and win. Therese: Carmelite nuns at bay against spiritual storms, hypno-tically directed by Alsin Cava-lier. Dreamchild: Lewis Carroll's Alice growing up into a new Wonderland and discovering the magic of the old.

Among this week's new releases, steer yourself firmly to-wards Hou Hsiao-Hsien's A Summer at Grandpa's (ICA). This comedy-drama from Taiwan

giving pursuit - the movie confirms the old adage: that it is only when you have nothing to do that you find yourself doing a dozen different things, most of them disastrous. The

and it never semaphores its

In Claude Chabrol's Inspector Lavardin (15, Chelsea Cinema) we re-encounter the policeman of the title (Jean Poiret). This jovial brute of a French cop an egg-cater, a liar, an intriguer, a smiler with a warrant under his closk-graced Chabrol's last film. Cop au Vin. Here he in-vestigates foul play in a château. Who stabbed to death a famous Catholic writer (Jacques Dachqmine Dachmine) and then dumped his body face down on the sea shore? Answers please on a stamped addressed ome-lette to Insp Lavardin, who makes a mighty meal of sifting the guilty party from among top French Thespians Berna-dette Lafont, Jean-Claude Brialy and Jean-Luc Bideau. Très chic, très cynique.

Or you may be in the mood for a tale of a car-racing American teenager who returns from the dead to wreak vengeance on him and stole his girlfriend. I cannot imagine why you should be, but The Wraith (18, Classic Panton St) should satisfy you if you are. Action, colour, noise, propels two small siblings, a spectacle, incident . . . which is boy and his sister, escorted by where we came in.

New music in 1986/Andrew Clements

Harrison Birtwistle's high note

tish music and opera in Britain pastoral" Yan Ton Tethero, shared a common high point: Introduced by the Opera Factory London Sinfonetta in Harrison Birtwistle's The Math August, would have taken Harrison Birtwistle's The Mash August, would have taken of Orpheus at English National pride of place. That Birtwistle Opera in May dwarfed all other should have managed three new works in its scale and such singular first perforachievement Though in reveal-mances within just five mouths

in a real sense a novel solution to the problem that has beset new opers since the death of Alban Berg—the mismatch between musical and dramatic content. Here music scenario were totally fused: the bundle of mythic strands was presented in a way that would British music. Robin Holloway's have been unthinkable without Birmingham commission. Seathe underpinning of music, and it was combined with music that its composer's highly individual divorced from its dramatic con-version of the English pastoral text would have had no obvious

achievement. Though in revealing the pivot around which the whole of Birtwistle's development for more than 20 years has revolved, the Collacum production (by David Freeman) did not always make every strand of the hugely complex structure clear, yet it did demonstrate that here was a thoroughly viable and organic stage-work, not at all the cerebral, refractory construction that some had feared.

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bars, and generating gestures of total orchestral prominence within a thoroughly coherent large-scale structure. Without Birtwistle it would have been a dullish year for British music. Robin Holloway's with almost Straussian elo-

Two middle generation Europeans did, however, at last make

a mark in this country. Something of Arvo Part's music had been heard here before the Almeida Festival took up his cause in 1986, but nothing on the scale of his Sf John Passion, whose extreme economy of means generates a tightly concentrated 75 minute span, or of the haunting meaning of the implicitly rhapsodical tabular rusa. Helmust Lachenmann
was totally unknown until first
Musica, in the summer, and
later more extensively the
Contemporary Music Festival (crammed with more good things than ever). offered introductions, Lachenmann's music operates on the border between ordered sounds and noise, constituting a re-appraisal of the fundamental particles of his art that could so easily become entirely pre-tentious (and from his wordy programme notes often threat-ened to be so) but which in performance is sustained by an acute ear for sonority and a precise control of musical architecture.

orchestral works just waiting for committed and expert players to take them up, the Sinfonieta's forays on a large scale have been largely confined so far to the composers such as Britten and Tippett, CBSO have brought to London with Simon Parties have been composers. concerts in 1986 perhaps their semi-staging of Henze's Elegy. Rattle is unquestionably now for Young Lovers was the most the hottest property in British valuable, an accomplished music, and whether Birming-account conducted by the com- ham pre-eminence is due to his poser which deserved to be own gifts or to a genuine raisperpetuated on disc. own gifts or to a genuine raising of the standards of the

mittently presenting convincing evidence that they merit the concern that everyone has been expressing on their behalf. From a personal sample of their concerts the Philharmonia has been the most consistently accomplished, rising 40 a standaccomplished, rising to a stand-ard of excellence in an account of Bruckner's fourth symphony under Bernard Haitink, which even in calm recollection re-mained the most inspired I have accurate fingers of Michele yet encountered in the concert hall. The London Symphony, on the other hand, has in my ex-perience been equally con-positive and conditions and conditions a positive and conditions are supported to the conditions of the conditions are designed as a positive and conditions are positive and conditions are positive and conditions are positive and conditions are conditioned as a condition of the co

who the mainstream orchestras with Simon Rattle, have been are still more or less willing to of a quality that only the Philprogramme. Of the Sinfonieta's harmonia on its highest current form could have matched. Away from the music of the orchestra under his leadership present, the independent seems to be thoroughly irrelected as the created seemingly endless the quality of the recent one at the content of the content of the created seemingly endless the quality of the recent one at the content of confusion and argument over the Barbican, which contained their future funding and Sibelius and Brahms's sym-organisation, while only inter-phonies on a level of achievephonies on a level of achieve-ment one had forgotten could need to be encouraged at

almost any cost. Not many piano recitals of lasting value seem to have come my way during the year: only Annie Fischer's enduring humanity, Claudio Arrau's



Omar Ebrahim in "Yan Tan Tethera"

The year's two major revela-tions I have reserved for the end. One arrived in the shape of the Orchestra of the 18th Century, conducted by Frans Bruggen, whose London debut at the Central Hall, West-minster, may have done little to convince anyone that here was a credible new concert venue, but must have made

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rivals cannot match, producing accounts of Mozart symphonies in the concert hall and on record which combine musical

Hagen Quartet, returning to orchestra is no less scrupulous fabric of this exquisitely pre-Britain for the first time since about historical fidelity than served 18th-century theatre may they won the Portsmouth any of its antiseptic British not be able to withstand an quartet competition in 1982, counterparts, but urged on by and confirming reports that Bruggen it plays with a commitment and musicality that its things indeed.

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Bruggen it plays with a commitment and musicality that its things indeed. Drottningholm would convince the most diehard opponent of text would have had no obvious function at all. Into that was on function at all. Into that was electronic inventions worken electronic inventions surface brilliance was in itself remarkable: disciplined, rigorous studies upon a singlest, and consequently discound source which promised to open up vest new areas of experience to the electronic medium.

In any other year, either the form of the part of the concert hall sund on the best of the form fischer modestly pleasing works a mode of the few Pombins would convince to the electronic function at all. Into that was on function at all. Into that was in the concert hall sund on the most inspired I have reserved for the concert hall sund on function that the most inspired I have reserved for the encountered in the concert hall sund on the concert hall sund on function with a threat oppoint of the concert hall sund on function at all. Into that was in success the function at all. Into that was in the concert hall sund on function in the concert hall sund on the most inspired I have reserved for the encountered in the concert hall. The London Simple of the form function that was in the concert hall sund on the concert hall sund on the most inspired I have reserved for the concert hall sund on the three and spring of Michael Sirphony, on the concert hall sund on the concert hall sund on the most inspired I have reserved for the condon spring descriptions.

Camparella, and Louis Lordie deserve mentions. Song recitals and the strict of the 18th condon addiences is exactly the function of the concert hall sund on the most inspired I have reserved for the condon of the content of the concert hall sund on the concert hall sund on the content of the content in the c of Don Giovanni at the Drottningholm Court Theatre in
Stockholm provided not only my
Stockholm provided musical experistockholm provided musical experiarchive for the formula for this Giovanni (directed by Larvefelt) it was com-

The Nutcracker/Festival Hall

without Festival Ballet playing Santa Claus on the South Bank Santa Claus on the South Bank and sharing out the varied de-

of the piece, and the shifts of action between Chaikovsky's feelings and the original Hoffmann narrative serve only to confuse the issue further. In seeking to give the piece a point of view, he has in effect destroyed its point of view, which is that of an uncompil-cated, undemanding childhood

The Nutcracker can be under-

It would not now be con- what we wish to see, frivolous sidered Christmas in London or serious, just as Chaikovsky's score - the entire justification for any production - has and sharing out the varied delights of The Natcrucker to the
young audience and their
attendants. Over 35 years, the
tradition has grown up of talgia. Peter Schaufuss's staging
the sweetmeats being tirelessly on
offer between Boxing Day and
Twelfth Night (and beyond!).

To any production — has
elements beneath its dazzling
surface which may take us into
realms of enchantment and nostalgia. Peter Schaufuss's staging
is well-intentioned but confusing; does anyone understand
the child performers' feeble
miming of the tale of the nut
Kraknuk or its reportes through Krakutuk, or its reprise through awkward black-outs when Clara is ill? Does anyone care? What Nutcrucker's audiences seek is Christmas cosiness, the frisson of magic and transformations, whirling snow and a profusion of sweets. To ask for narrative sense or insights into Chaikov-sky's psyche is to break the back of the story with a quest for rationality in an art never famous for its logic.

On Wednesday afternoon the production looked somehow dim at the Festival Hall. The shallow stage makes the transformation from house to forest distinctly clumsy, albeit company performances had a willingness that did much to dispel the gloomy lighting in the first act. Mirielle Bourgeois and Tim Almaas were the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier, in rather decorous interpretations, I would have welcomed from them the charm and sense of physical brightness that Patrick Armand showed as The Nut-cracker in the liveliest and most engaging dancing of the

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Arts Guide

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anced by academic painters, their contemporaries, long decided for their pomposity.

The sculptures come into their own in the immensity of the nave, at the end of which is a large scale model of the opera and its district below glass tiles. The view of Paris from the terracers is an additional delight. Music d'Orsay, Entrance 1, rue de Bellechasse (4545 4814). Closed Mon.

Hisingen, Kunsthalle Philosophen-weg 76: Toulouse-Lautree. A retro-spective of 130 paintings and picture studies by Henri de Toulouse-Lau-tree (1864-1961). Ends March 15.; Huster, Westfällsches Landesmu-

seum, Domplats 18: August Macke: To mark the 190th anniversary of

To mark the 190th anniversary of his hirthday, the museum, helped by the Macke archive and sponsored by the estate of Northrheim Westphalia, is displaying 160 paintings, 180 pictures, 70 watercolours and documents. Macke, horn in Meschade (Westphalia), studied in Düsseldorf and Berlin under Lovis Corinth. He was responsible for a new art form before the First World War. In the spring of 1914, he went with Paul Klee and Louis Molliet to Tunis. In the same year, he was sent

with Paul Klee and Louis Modillet to Tunis. In the same year, he was sent to the front in France, and died in action in Champagne. Ends Feb 2. Hannover, Sprengel Museum Kurt-Schwitters-Piatz Pablo Picasso, the exhibition is the most complete dis-play of Picasso's works seen in Ger-many, showing the 417 pieces donat-ed in 1969 by the industrialist

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Bernhard Sprengel. Sprengel, who died last year, was Germany's leading collector of Picasso's works. The exhibition, with 400 graphic art prints and 17 oil paintings covers the artist's complete artistic range from 1984 to 1988, spanning cohism, classicism and surrealism, as well as Picasso's most recent works. Ends Mar 15.

Venice: Palazzo Ducale: China In Venice: Chinase Civilisation from the Han Dynasty to Marco Polo (25-1279 AD): 159 objects, including silks, brocades, jessellery, terracotta figures, glass and porcalain lent by the Peking Museum. Many result from recent encavation, and most have nearen beau nearen beau means have means to the China The have never been out of China. The exhibition covers the main period of Chinese art, and the objects found in totals, buried with the owner for his use in the bereafter, shed a fas-cinating light on life in the period. Ends March 1967.

Leren, Singer Museum. Glass cres

tions by Sybren Valkenna. Ends Jun resisten Groninger Museum. The architecture from 1910 to the pres-

ent. Ends Jan 25.

Sairid: Julio Gonzalez (1876-1942), Spanish cubist sculptor considered with Picasso the top exponent of this movement; 58 sculptures and 70 drawings on loan by the Ivam, Va-

lencia's modern art museum. Ends Dec 30. Also Miro sculptures Dec 30. Also Miro sculptures (1893-1993); 10% sculptures and 140 drawings on lo an by Mona, Georges Pompidou, Miro Foundation and private collectious offer a vision of Miro's sculptures of 1930-1970. Ends Jan 20. Roth at Centro de Arte Reina Solia, Santa Isabel 2. Open Tue to Sun: 10.00-21.00. Closed Mondays. to Sun: 10.00-21.00. Closed Mondays. erceloss. Amos Cahan Collection. Spanish Art in New York. A total of 78 paintings by 35 Spanish artists of the 1950-1970 period who started use 1900-1940 person who started two significant movements: Ma-drid's El Paso and Barcelona's Dau al Set. Among the painters are Tap-les, Sanra, Sempere, Zobel, Torust, Canogar, Mompo, Cultart and Guin-ovart. On loan by Dr Amos Cahan, who has one of the top collections of

who has one of the top collections of Spanish contemporary art outside Spain. Caixa de Barcelona, Plaza de Sant Janme Cautat 1. Ends Jan 20. Barcelona, Georges Braque. A retro-spective gathers 128 works – draw-ings, tapeatries, sculptures and paintings from 1900 to his death in 1953. Ends Jan 25.

Gold and Power - Spain in the new world: To mark the 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas, this huge exhibition of treasures from the Museum of America in Matrid tells the story of the Spanish conquest. The collection, seen for the first time outside Spain, includes ornaments and utensils of memors arounded and memors of indigenous Americans, besutiful Mexican mother of pearl pictures of the blood-and-thunder of the conquest, records of Jesnit missions

NEW YORK fetropelium Mineum: 10 paintings from the end of Van Gogh's life are the focus of this second of a two part abow of the prolific artist at Saint Remy and Auvers. The Starry Nigh

in Paraguay and stanning gold sta-tures and jewellery from a land my-thologised as El Dorado, Vienna is the first stop for this exhibition, which will later travel to Cologoe and Budapest. Kunstlerhaus, Ends Jan 25.

and Cypresses come from this period working first in an asylum in Saint-Ramy and then in Auvers, where he committed suicide in July 1890. Ends March 22.

Art Institute: The art of Italian Ren-aissance armourers, with suits can bossed with Greek and Roman deities and fautastic creatures of the artists' imagination, is on display in a special exhibit of French king Henry It's armour borrow Hever Castle, Ends Mar 1. wed from

American Pop Culture Images Today with works of 80 American artists the exhibition also features a live concert, videos, junk food corner and other aspects of the American pop culture since much has been grafted on to Japan's youth culture by now, the exhibition should reveal by now, me explained a neutral reveal the extent to which the original has been changed for Japanese taste, i.e., japanised, La Foret Museum in Harajuku (475 0411). Ends Jan 17,

Clement Crisp

Twelfth Night (and beyond!). This year the production is Peter Schanfuss's new revision ever sensutuss's new revision of the text on which I reported formance in December, Schau-fuss's evident desire is to have the best of both worlds, of children's treat and adult entertainment. Yet in this he has, alas, failed. By erecting a structure of references back to Chaikovsky's family life, he has dangerously altered the focus

dram. Its pleasures could be easily appreciated by the young, but these were pleasures through which the grown-up eye might perceive the lost and magical world of childhood itself.

stood as a mirror which reflects afternoon.

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Japan bites the bullet

FOR SEVERAL years now, Japan has measured the difference between pacifism and militarism in thousandths of 1 per cent of gross national product. At last the Government of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone has bitten the bullet and pronounced that in the 1987-88 fiscal year defence spending will exceed the 1 per cent shibboleth by .004 per cent.

Mr Nakasone has moved to cross the 10 year old Rubicon because he now has an invincible parliamentary majority

ible parliamentary majority and because he senses that the times in Japan have changed. He also is supposed to step down later this year and must have decided to do who-ever succeeds him a favour by disposing of a thorny political problem. His desire to do this has ben evident for some time, but he has previously lacked

Even now, it is worth pointing out that the 1 per cent ceiling is being breached not because of the size of the increase in defence outlays—at a little over 5 per cent in real terms the planned rise is actually less than the average of recent years—but because the economy has weakened. Indeed, most economists believe that the government's forecast of 3.5 per cent real expansion in the year ahead is distinctly opti-mistic, which implies that defence will contribute a fractionally larger proportion than budgeted for. Conversely, an economic recovery could theoretically leave the ceiling unbreached, so small is the

Political constraints

In many respects, adherence to the guidelines laid down by the Miki government 10 years ago has served Japan well, no matter how much Washington has complained that Japan has been getting a free ride on defence. It was imposed at a time when there was not only genuine concern at the levels of government spending in the vake of the first oil crisis but also uncertainty over which directions, beyond the purely economic, Japan might take in

the world. The ceiling, in effect, imposed a discipling, as have other guideposts in contemnon-nuclear principles the limitations on the

Nakasone has been conspicuously critical of these political
and constitutional constraints
and he has succeeded in bending some of them mostly to suit
us. But he has not yet generated any discernible great
constituency in Japan for rewriting the constitution, a fact
which ought to reassure its
Asian neighbours and others
who suffered at Japan's hands
in the last war.

in the last war.

Loosening, albeit slightly, the pursestrings could give a stimulus to the Japanese defence industry, until now a diffident factor. It was noteworthy that Japanese defence contractors were in the vanguard lobbying for Japanese participation in the US Strategic Defence Initiative, finally authorised by Mr Nakasone in the autumn. It is a minority in the lattern. It is eminently possible that Japan could emerge as a significant, if selective, world supplier of technologically sophisticated military equipment, a prospect that the Western powers will view with mixed feelings.

Civilian control

But it is much less clear that this would bring about a change in the status or influ-ence of the Japanese military. Forty years of peace have left the Japanese Self Defence Forces, to use the correct title, with no independent standing in the land. They remain firmly under civilian control and any improvement in their capabilities has been very much within the framework of the US military alliance. Only the darkest conspiracy theorists could see the military today as agents of instability or

expensionism.

The lessons of the last war should not be forgotten, least of all by Japan itself. But it is appropriate for Japan to discard an outmoded shibboleth, the defence spending ceiling, so long as it continues to apply the reasonable restraints by which it has set so much store so far. Japan has far more to contribute to the world than military might.

Over to you Mr Martens

ONE MIGHT be forgiven for southern agriculture (to name imagining, on the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, a marked lightening in the step Like the underlying budget of British officials in Brussels, and a feeling of trepidation coming over their Belgian counterparts. It was the moment when Britain passed on the job of presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers.

There is a myth back in the national capitals of the Euro-pean Community that the rotat-ing six-monthly chairmanship provides each member-state with an opportunity to leave its mark in Brussels. Very rarely does the myth become reality, and the past six months seem no exception to the rule. It is with relief rather than with positive enthusiasm that the baton is handed on to Bel-

All the signs are that the coming year — the 30th anniversary of signing the founding Treaty of Rome — will be one of the most difficult to date. It is opening with the drum beats of a threatened trade war between the Community and the US, a battle over farm exports which neither can afford to fight and which would leave both sides worse of if it came

Behind the warlike talk, from the Community's point of view (but matched by the same sort of problem in Washington) lies a bankrupt budget and the ever more desperate need to reform the lumbering Common Agricul-tural Policy. With its inability to match soaring farm produc-tion with declining world demand, resulting in unsaleable food mountains, the CAP has finally become politically un-acceptable as it stands. That is hopeful. The budget figures have been judged for too long— the hidden gap between income and expenditure is now esti-mated at some Ecu 20bn (£14.6bn)—and in 1987 the bill will have to be faced. That is less hopeful.

Painful reforms

Add to that the changing face of the EEC: with the accession of Spain and Portugal just a year ago yesterday, the balance has changed from northern dominance to a north-south split. The real problems of dealpolicies to reconcile the needs

crises the British successfully kept them at bay.

In the end, the British presidency did achieve rather more than looked likely a month ago. In spite of an uninspiring Lon-don summit (some might suggest even because of it), December finished with a positive rush of decisions through the Council of Ministers. Mr Michael Jop-ling managed to bludgeon and cajole his fellow agriculture ministers into agreeing a crucial phase of very painful reforms both of the dairy and beef sectors. And the rolling programme to scrap barriers to internal trade achieved a record 47 new measures - less than hoped for, but a lot more than

Instinctive view

None the less, there was no agreement on liberalising air transport, a top British priority. The Council of Ministers failed to agree a 1987 budget with the European parliament, and there was no deal either on a fiveyear programme for EEC research collaboration, to which many pay lip service but few wish to pay cash. And the US-EEC trade war still looms.

At the time of the London EEC diplomat remarked that the British administrative machinery seemed like a highlytuned and efficient engine—run-ning in second gear. Although British policy has undoubtedly moved in a European direction there is still a feeling elsewhere in the Community that London sees the whole exercise in European co-operation as intergovernmental bargaining, a giorified series of bilateral

relationships.
All the main topics on the summit agenda — terrorism, drugs, the campaign against Aids an deancer, even unemploy-ment—were essentially issues beyond the normal limits of the mmunity's institutions.

Belgium, on the other hand, is as committed as any to bolis as communed as any to pol-stering the Community institu-tions. It will be a test now whether Mr Wilfried Martens' instinctively European view will prove more successful in solv-ing the major problems on the Community agenda than Mrs Thatcher. THE GUINNESS AFFAIR

Out come the skeletons

By Clive Wolman

To WAS EARLY Monday morning five weeks ago that investigators from the Trade and Industry Department swooped simultaneously on the head office of Guinness, the brewing and spirits company, and on six other financial institutions in London and Edinburgh

The common link between The common link between all the targets of the DTI investigation was their involvement in the £2.5bn Gninness takeover battle for Distillers a year ago, the UK's second largest takeover bid and one of the longest and most

"They came out of the night.
Two men just turned up in
Muscovite fashion and handed
us a letter full of legal jargon,"
Mr Ernest Saunders, Guinness

was interested in the possible misconduct of the affairs of misconduct of the analys of Guinness at the expense of shareholders. Since then, no further information has been given by the DTI or by the two external inspectors, who were appointed to lead the inquiry.

The investigation is approximately in the property of the proper The investigation is unpre-cedented both in the size of its target, the world's fifth biggest drinks company, and in the opaqueness of its purpose. Other large DTI investigations have generally been launched while the company was embroiled in an open and unresolved dispute.

But the bitterness of the

Guinness takeover battle had faded. There was a brief revival of the arguments in the sur-mer when Mr Saunders decided to become chairman as well as chief executive of the company and to discard a written comand to discard a written com-mitment made during the battle to appoint as chairman Sir Thomas Risk, the Bank of Scot-land governor. Mr Saunders won the day. Shareholders were deluctant to oppose him because of his record in re-vitalising Guinness since 1981 vitalising Guinness since 1981. vitalising Guinness since 1981.
Thereafter the Guinness management continued, with little controversy, its cost-cutting and restructuring programme at Distillers — and at Arthur Bell, the whisky company acquired in 1985.

Throughout the first week of the DTI Investigation, Mr Saunders claimed several times

Saunders claimed several times that he had no idea what the DTI was interested in and that he had nothing to hide. However, slowly and painfully, information seeeped out about the conduct of Guinness

and its merchant bank adviser Morgan Grenfell during the battle for Distillers they fought Morgan Grenfell during the battle for Distillers they fought Schenley with an offer of suparainst Mr James Gulliver's port in return for a guarantee Argyll Group. The DTI investigation of the Devar aguarantee that the Devar contract would prove the Devar contract would p tigators appeared to be concen-trating on share dealings in the final stages of the take-over. The investigation it became profit margins were excessive. clear, was promted by a tip-off to the DTI from the US Securities and Exchange Commission and Riklis became active dealers

(SEC) under an exchange of in Distillers and Guinness shares information agreement signed to assist a Guinness victory. Mr That focused attention on

That focused attention on two US wheeler-dealing financiers who had supported Guinness during its take-over battle. One was Mr Meshulam Riklis, whose Rapid American Corporation distributed Dewars whisky, a Distillers brand, in the US through its Schenley Industries subsidiary. Following the Guinness triumph, its lucra-

and takeover arbitrageur, and an associate of Mr Riklis. In planned to take a stake in a limited partnership set up by unmasked by the SEC for having traded on inside information about impending takeover bids. In the hope of escaping imprisonment, Mr Boesky talked freely to the SEC about the involvement of others in Illicit Guinness had little alternative deals. He even allowed his tele-

Riklis, through Schenley, spent about £60m secretly accumulatoffer to Distillers shareholders. Only on December 11, after the DTI launched its inquiry, did Schenley admit to breaching the Companies Act by failing to disclose its stake after it rose Industries subsidiary. Following the Guinness triumph, its lucrative Dewars contract (yielding profits of about \$30m a year on \$100m sales) was renewed and it was also awarded the US distribution contract for another Distillers product, Gordon's Gin.

The other was Mr Ivan Boesky, the New York merger and takeover arbitrageur, and takeover arbitrageur, and associate of Mr Riklis. In

THE KEY DATES

managing director.

December 1985: Argyil Group bids for Distillers.

January 1986: Guinness Isanches £2.2bn counter-bid for Distillers

April 1986: Guinness triumphs. to September 1986: Sir Thomas Risk dispute. sember I 1986: DTI launches investigation. sember 11: Schenley admits breaching Companies Act by buying 5.3

December 30: Morgan Grenfell resigns as Gu Seelig forced to resign from Morgan Grenfell.

phone conversations to be taped. known investor.
In late 1985, Mr Boesky, who The admission added to the In late 1985, Mr Boesky, who was taking a growing interest in the UK, built up a stake in Disshortly after Argyll launched its bid. The offer was turned down.

A few weeks later, Mr Boesky increased his stake in Distillers just before Guinness announced just before Gunness announced its counterbid, with the approval of the Distillers beard, at a higher price. Mr Boesky ultimately pledged his stake to Guinness. Guinness has denied that it gave Mr Boesky any inside information about its

In December 1985, the Argyll be renewed if Argyll won con-trol of Distillers. Argyll declined. It believed Schenley's

suspicions of an illicit deal tillers and then offered his during the takeover battle, assistance to Mr Gulliver, when Mr Boesky was actively seeking investors for his part-nership fund. Guinness has denied any such deal and claimed that the \$100m was an investment and a prelude to future acquisitions in the US. The DTI investigators are not

trust, and Seligmann, Harris, basis is estimated at around Boesky's London stockbrokers. £50m.

had not been told of the stake which was taken in May and approved by the board only retrospectively.







The protagonists: Ernest Saunders (top) with (left) Ivan Boesky and Roger Seelig

provide daily briefings. In fact Guinness had gone to great lengths to shoud the Boesky stake in secrecy. It was kept just below the limit beyond which disclosure is mandatory. It was to have been listed in It was to have been listed in the balance sheet merely as an investment. And Mr Boesky, who had been circulating the list of all the earlier partners quite widely, was told on no account to reveal the identity of the largest stakeholder.

But earlier this week, another chant bank Henry Ansbacher told the DTI about an unusual shareholding. It arose from the moves to boost the Guinness share price during the takeover battle which were orchestrated by Morgan Grenfell's star cor-

Mr Seelig had played the leading role in underwriting the Guinness bid and in persuading Mr Saunders to make a new bid after the first was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers

Mr Seelig persuaded several investment institutions to buy Guinness shares by offering to buy back their shares at a yet convinced. They have been guaranteed price so they would collecting documents on Mr suffer no loss if the stock mar-Boesky's share dealings from ket price fell. The total value Cambrian and general, a former of Guinness, and possibly Dis-Boesky-controlled investment tillers, shares bought on this

who were recruited in August signed to exploit a loophole in to placate City opinion during the Company Act provisions the Risk controversy. They which prevent a company from giving any form of financial assistance to the purchasers of its shares. The merchant bank, rather than its client, pays for

Mr Saunders assured them he the indemnity although typically knew of no more skeletons in its costs are recovered through the cupboard and promised to its fees. But on Monday, it emerged

that, at least as far as 2.1m shares were concerned, someone had failed to follow the formalities necessary to sustain this legal facade. Instead Guinness's own money was used directly to buy back the shares at well above market prices under an indemnity commitment given by Mr Seelig. Thus a criminal breach of the Companies Act appears to have been committed, although it is unclear exactly who was responsible. During the takeover battle, the Guinness "war cabinet" that met every day to discuss stock market tactics usually comprised Mr Saunders, Roux, Mr Seelig, Mr David May-bew of Cazenove or another

stockbroker, and a lawyer. Guinness has accused Morgan Grenfell of acting without its authority in using its money to buy back the shares although it must have realised afterwards that £7.5m of its money had gone missing and was tied up in the shares from April to

Mr Saunders has now put his position as chairman and chief executive on the line by giving directors that he was not in-volved in any of the dubious manoeuvres to boost the Guinness share price or buy up Distillers shares.

It is quite possible that he

preferred to divert his gaze from According to one former senior Guinness employee: "He formation emerges without a

Throughout the battle, few constraints were imposed on him either by his advisers—Mr Seelig was an equally ruthless operator—or his fellow executive directors who are his appointees and have no independent power base, Mr Roux, for exemple who is one of for example, who is one of several dozen young management consultants on secondment

was too much prestige at stake."

One of Mr Saunders' greatest achievements at Guinness has been to attract a talented team of middle to senior managers with the help of his consider-able charm and an extensive intelligence network used to find out everything about poten-tial recruits. So far he has retai recruit. So far he has re-tained their loyalty and the headhunters have not yet turned the DTI probe to their advantage. Mr Saunders be-lieves that, if he were forced to go, so would most of his senior management team.

Mr Saunders, who is currently taking a break on a Swiss mountainside, is determined to fight. But he could not resist a call for his resignation from the four independent directors. who can expect the backing of major shareholders.

Meanwhile, the DTI investi-gators must be complimenting ach other on the effectiveness of their "cage-rattling," as more and more of the parties come forward to make confessions of the wrongdoings on their con-sciences. The DTTs response has been to widen its investigations, which could delay publica-tion of its final report until certain activities. But in most 1988, although an interim report details of the takeover battle he on part of the inquiry may be

But if further damaging inbrings a ferocious intensity to detailed rebuttal from the whatever he does, down to the directors, the institutional last detail. Once he decided to shareholders, who gave Mr go for Distillers, he had to win Saunders the benefit of the at all costs. The rules were just doubt over the Risk affair, are a hurdle to be overcome. There unlikely to be so patient.

Rayner brings in new blood

The pace of change continues to quicken at Marks and Spencer with the board being strengthened by two new non-executive directors from outside retailing.

Dr David Atterton, a former chairmon of Foseco Minsep, the industrial group, and a member of the Court of the Bank of England, was appointed yesterday. Denis Lanigan, vice chairman of J. Walter Thompson, the advertising agency, is to take his seat in April, They will bring the number of M and S nonexecutive directors to five.

Until very recently the only way to the top in M and S was to start at the bottom. Quite a few directors, including Lord Rayner, the group's chairman, began their careers stocking shelves in the stores.

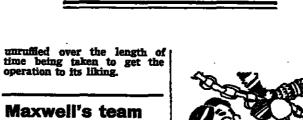
Appointment to the board of people with experience outside the group is a development spearheaded by Rayner, the first non-family M and S chairman, who succeeded Lord Sieff, grandson of the founder.

Rayner gave notice of the style he was to bring to his direction when he took the chair nearly three years ago.
"My job is to manage change,"
he said. He began by breaking
with tradition to go outside to hunt a new finance director Keith Oates.

Rayner's innovations have new lines such as furniture, and large store developments on the edge of towns. Only this week the group

Only this week the group has announced a new forzy into the US market with the opening of four women's fashion stores—trading under the name D'Allaird's, which is one of the M and S retailing subsidiaries in Canada.

A few M and S stores will also be opened in the US on an experimental basis. Although it is 14 years since M and S started operations in North America, the group is



Men and Matters

Maxwell's team Robert Maxwell, who relaxes by watching his own football club Oxford United, has appointed a new senior player to the management team which he asserts, loudly and confidently, will expand his international printing and publishing business into a Sthendys enterprise by 1990

ESbn-plus enterprise by 1990.
John Holloran, aged 42, left the chief executive job at printing group McCorquodale, last month after the company was taken over the one of two joint every. is to be one of two joint execu-tive vice-chairmen of British Printing & Communication Cor-poration under Maxwell's chair-manship. The other is Jim Sullivan who is based in the RPCC US offices.

BPCC US offices.

Holloran is also to be Maxwell's head printer as chief executive of BPCC Printing Corporation. He succeeds Michael Pegge who is retiring for health reasons but remains an execu-tive director.

Holloran, a long-serving McCorquodale man, tried to fend off the Norton bid last year by a management buy-out. It was during the thick of that epic City battle that he met Maxwell, who bought a stake in McCorquodale (which he later sold to Norton)

sold to Norton).

Holloran said he got on well with Maxwell at their first meeting. The two men compared what Holloran had done to de-



his new boss a good deal longe than he has I would give Hol-loran this tip: switch to lobster and champagne.

Leaning curves

Stella Clarke becomes the first woman to head the governing body of a British university as she takes over the chair of Bristol University council.

Bristol has a history of leading the way in the emancipation of women. Just 100 years ago it was among the first universities to admit women on an equal footing with men. In 1928 is was the first to appoint a woman as secretary to the what holloran had done to develop his company with what Maxwell was doing with the bigger BPCC. Clearly Maxwell did not forget either the conversation or the man.

During the take-over fight it was Hollaran's habit to work late into the night at his City flat, sustained by Indian takeaway curries. Having known woman as secretary to the university. Two years later it

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Clarke, married to a Bristol solicitor and mother of four boys and a girl, has been a school governor, a magistrate, and a BBC governor.

One of her proudest achieve ments, however, working with her husband, has been to save the Theatre Royal, Bath, and hand it on in good shape to be run by a trust

Supporters

A group of City of London wags have been taken aback by the suddenness of Roger elig's resignation on Tuesday from the leadership of merchant bank Morgan Grenfell's corporate finance team. In the fortnight before Christmas they had convened at various parties and wine bars, and had debated the launching of a Save the Seelig campaign. The aim was to rebut the gossip then circulating moti-

about the fortune Seelig had made by the youthful age of 40 as a significant shareholder in several of Morgan Grenfell's clients—all of wheh was, of course, perfectly above board. One waspish follower of the takeover king drafted a greetings card based on an animal rights poster displaying the clubbing of a seal pup. A quick transposition of Seelig's face for that of the animal, a few words changed, and the campaign would have been ready to go public.

However, the more cautious among the jokers decided to wait until the New Year.

Whether it was inside information that led the budding Seelig campaign to hold off is unclear. But Tuesday's develop-ment seems to have taken the wind out of its sails. The City has lost what could have been a greetings card to treasure. And Seelig, a jocular

man, would certainly have appreciated the joke.

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ADVICE...

ADIES and gentlemen, it ADJES and gentlemen, it may seem curious but I feel compelled to begin my term as the seventh managing director of the IMF with an apology. For the first time in my life, I am slightly embarrassed to be a Frenchman. Given the relative size and importance of the French economy, we might reasonably economy, we might reasonably have expected to hold the managing-directorship once in the 40-year history of this great institution. Yet, as it happens, I am the third Frenchman to take the job: I follow in the footsteps of Pierre-Paul Schweitzer (1963-73) and my immediate predices of Figure 4 James 1 James 4 James 1 James 4 James 1 James 4 James 1 James 1 James 4 James 1 James 1

There is a tradition that the IMF managing director is always a European, just as the president of the World Bank is

OR THE Chancellor's eyes only: with the 1987 Budget little more than three months away, I have prepared

preliminary notes on some of the available courses of action. As I am confident this Budget will not be your last, I have

included thoughts on one or two of the more radical options.

While you will no doubt wish to protect the studied ambiguity of the medium-term financial strategy, there is a medium-term

problem which must be addressed. The next Budget seems unlikely to be a farewell gesture and due weight must be

given to its implications for

predecessor, Jacques de Laro-siere (1979-86).

Some will argue that the nationality of the IMF managing director is of little conse-

quence. I disagree. It can be much more than a token of a country's commitment to international economic diplomacy. Is it entirely a coincidence, I won ing challenge the Fund has der, that we in France are more faced in recent years is the committed to economic cooperation and co-ordination—

I have nothing but admiration for the way Jacques de rence target zones—then many rency target zones—than many Larosiere rose to the immediof our colleagues in Bonn and London?

I shall do all in my power to time when the US Treasure for each other in the US

I shall do all in my power to ensure that the absurd "Euro-peans only" rule is dropped before the time comes to choose my successor. It is not just Britons and West Germans who have a strong claim on my job. As commentators have stressed, it is bizarre that Japan, the free world's second largest economy, has not yet held the office.

I agree. But I believe it might president of the world Bank is always an American. But even be even more beneficial if the this tradition hardly explains next managing director came france's dominance. It is extremely odd. for example, that recipient, so often, of rather neither the United Kingdom nor susters. IMF medicine. A

pean to convince poor countries of the need for belt-

Vive la fraternité

This brings me to the poli-cies of the IMF which are

showing little capacity for eco-nomic leadership (James Baker did not arrive until 1985), Jacques assumed an invaluable co-ordinating role and protec-ted the integrity of the world banking system.

But short-run crisis management and long-term solutions are quite different things. I must stress how concerned I am that all of the main debt indicators for developing countries have steadily deteriorated since 1982. Total debt outstanding in 1985 for example was ing in 1985, for example, was

West Germany has held the top Brazilian or Nigerian might be \$711bn against only \$552bn in job.

Brazilian or Nigerian might be \$711bn against only \$552bn in better placed than a rich Euroexports was 136 against 116; and the ratio of debt service to GNP was 5.3 against 4.7.

The undeniable fact is that, while short-run liquidity pro-blems have eased, the long-run burdens imposed by debt have grown more severe. We kid ourselves if we think the much vaunted "case by case" approach to the debt crisis has done any more than buy time, We also kid ourselves if we believe the political systems of the Third World can withstand decades of austerity. Just imagine what it would have been like to impose a 50 per cent real wage cut in the UK or Franca in recent years; the riots would have made the recent Paris demonstrations look like a Sunday school outing

with the World Bank in seeking genuine long run solutions to Third World indebtedness. The DAF has suffered from a form of short-termism in the past and I want to see it pioneering con-structive, growth orientated

... Michael Prowse overhears Michel Camdessus, the next managing director of the International

Monetary Fund, rehearsing an unusually frank inauguration address

In Latin America in particu-lar many countries and regimes have lost faith in the IMF. I intend to rebuild the Fund's intend to rebuild the kund's credibility. As a sort of cross between international banker and policeman, we cannot expect to be wildly popular among debtor nations. But we can and should expect to be regarded with affectionate

The aim at Bretton Woods in 1944 was not to create a financial ogre — an institution to which countries will turn only when at their last gasp. I have no hesitation, there- Seoul in 1985 for an extra \$20bn fore, in announcing that I will over three years has gone

programmes in the future. The woo the developing world and package devised for Mexico was seek more formally its assist-just a beginning. mentation adjustment of

At the same time, I intend to take a tougher line with the commercial banks of the First World. Those who sold loans so World. Those who sold loans so persuasively in the 1970s should be more willing to clear up the debris of those lending policies. It is little short of a scandal that capital should now be flowing from poorer to richer countries. It is a perversion of the laws of economic logic—like water running up hill. But what can be done to persuade the commercial banks to resume the commercial banks to resume lending? James Baker's call in

largely unheeded, suggesting that moral sussion has its I intend to investigate more

concrete ways of galvanising the private sector banks. It is possible, for example, that fiscal incentives could play a part. Alternatively, as has been suggested before, some form of partial insurance of private sector loans to debtor countries might prove practicable.

Whatever happens, the indus-

trialised world should not lose sight of the fact that it has to find some systematic means of channelling capital to less developed countries.

developed countries.

We in the rich countries will be in a better position to help the Third World if we first put

in order. Vast current account imbalances and wildly oscillating exchange rates are hardly an advertisement for the free market system.

As managing director, I intend to promote the cause of international co-operation and co-ordination with all the vigour I can muster. There has to be more effective consultation among the leading economic powers and stronger surveillance of their policies. It of national fiscal and monetary policies that is the root cause of external imbalances and instability.

What form enhanced economic co-operation will take, I cannot yet predict. But what I can say is that some means will have to be found to ensure that large creditor countries bear some of the burdens of adjust-

At Bretton Woods, Keynes proposed a scheme under which large creditor countries would. large creditor countries would, in effect, have been charged interest on their surplus balances. The idea was turned down and the IMF has since tried to work a system which starts from the premise that debtors are always wholly responsible for their debts. The world is still living with the consequences.

... and Anthony Harris stumbles across a memo from Chancellor Nigel Lawson's secretary

This all suggests the steady-as-she-goes approach (I attach some useful quotations from J. Callagian). Keep to rather modest forecasts for consumer and government spending; after all, if both overshoot, there is no financing problem.

Oil is fortunately more of a problem for 1988 than 1987, thanks to the delay in revenue

A cautious approach, as suggested here, would not leave Unfortunately it is unusually hard to forecast two major revenue streams: VAT and petroleum revenue tax. There is no precedent for an unconroom for any large fiscal adjust-ment (because the exceptional level of consumer spending could not be projected into 1987-88). In addition I have trolled consumer credit boom, running to satiety this year, next year, sometime, never, OPEC is an equally wild card. received a copy of a memo from the PM urging a substantial cut in the higher rates of tax to forestall a revenue loss (if all Expenditure is also a bit unpredictable. Ministers left out of the Autumn Statement are our retired executives fice to Florida). This could be a serious medium-term problem. A cut in these higher rates is quite economical in revenue lining up like Oliver Twists, from the Navy to the Royal Opera Rouse, and it is questionable whether discipline will be

Time to invent a few more taxes

widely levied in other countries (see attached studies) and the preparatory work was done in this department; following the favourable Royal Commission report of 1895 and the subse-quent tax proposal by Mr Lloyd George (defeated in the Lords). terms, but ministers may feel that it would carry political risks as an isolated act. It therefore, seems desirable to tap a new source of revenue. An extension of the tax base would increase flexibility in 1988 and beyond, enable you to cut mainstream taxes more sharply and might be presented

politically as a substitute for the higher rates of income tax. An outery over the excessive A: A wealth tax. The subject use of credit cards

was studied in some depth 12 years ago and the administrative difficulties then foreseen might be easier to tackle now that financial information is more freely available, as a result of policing the markets. It could also be levied at a low rate However it would not be tages. The source of tax is inalignable, it has no effect on work incentives and gives encouragement to bring land. rate. However, it would not be an appropriate way to check into development. It also offers quite a quick financial return on public expenditure on motor emigration by the retired.

B: A land tax. This tax is

ways, bridges and other invest-ment which raises land values and, indeed, on changes in planning policy. (It would also be favourably received in the correspondence columns of the

Against this, it would indoubtedly offend the farming lobby (though an EEC-wide, value-based land tax might wante-based laint tax might make a rather poetic contribu-tion to financing the CAP) and would discriminate against one form of wealth as opposed to

C: A value-based property tax. This is in some ways com-parable to a land tax and was recently proposed by the auditor-general as the best available base for local revenue-raising. This suggests that there would be few administrative problems, but it would surely be more appropriate as a basis for a

are the same as those which led ministers to adopt a uni-form national business rate. A private property tax would seem to have the same advan-tages as a land tax, the base is inalienable and there is no effect on work incentives. It does not stimulate development,

rising values—more reliably buoyant than a land tax. It could be expected to have some favourable regional effects, the revenue yield would be large, even at a low percent-age rate, and it would fall most heavily on those who would benefit from reduced higher

rates of income tax. Anticipating your approval, I am pressing ahead with admini-strative work on this tax.

Other taxes

opportunity. Lobbying against our long-standing proposals to eliminate the tax advantages of institutional saving will never be less effective than it is likely to prove now. This would both raise revenue and could be pre-sented as a further step towards a shareholding democracy. There is also something of an

but would capture revenue from outcry about excessive use of credit cards. The declining use of cash is a burden on the Exchequer; notes and coins are free borrowing. Cards and electronic transfer are a derogation of the Court privilege of money of the Crown privilege of money issue, or seignorage. A tax on these transactions might have useful economic and revenue effects. It would, however, mean overriding MO targets.



spending, 11 per cent increase in (real) public spending, ex-ports perhaps 6 per cent up, small current account deficit (see attached City forecasts), sustainable growth, hope of felling unemployment Good falling unemployment. Good

Measures: standard rate 25p, single higher rate of 35p, pro-perty tax to finance all but £3bn of this, seignorage tax, forecast £61bn public sector borrowing requirement, interest rate cut to follow.

Reform of the

T. Pates or some each nose of the suit of From the Executive Director, Managerial, Professional and Staff Liaison Group

Sir,—Your lead article of December 23 "Wrong way to reform rates " 0 serious debate, and expresses some opinions which I am not sure that you can justify. The organisation that I repre-

sent has been careful to ask our membership about this issue by sending out a questionnaire. Eighty per cent of respondents to the poll supported the four main proposals of the Green Paper. Some reserva-Green Paper as a construction Green Paper. Some reserva-tions however were expressed. What controls would be instituted over high-spending local authorities? At present, if a local authority wants to institute a local government.

a local authority wants to increase expenditure it can spread the burden over domestic and business rate-payers. If the national business rate is set at a fairly low figure then any increase in spending by a local authority would fall entirely on the domestic rate-payer.

The right to levy an additional rate on business premises may be an incentive to unnecesmay be an incentive to unnecessary spending. Because it is available, local authorities will probably take it up whether they really need it or not. If this levy is used to reduce the "community charge" that would be fine, but we fear that it would not be used for this purpose but spent unnecessarily.

In the determination of the "... new buildings must have some respect for their neighbours and the character of the City." In practice the aeathetic and amenity aspects of large buildings are open to a broad spectrum of interpretation. It is certainly questionable whether they make the City.

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In the determination of the "needs" grant who will decide what the "need" is? Will it be the Government or the local authority. We believe that "need" should be determined by the local ratepayers through the local ratepayers through the local authority. If the satisfied of the late that the local authority. If the satisfied of the late that the local authority. If the satisfied of the late that the local authority is the satisfied. The fact of the matter is that the highly com-

"need" is decided by Govern-ment then, no matter what its ment then, no matter what its ment then, no matter what its political complexion, the Government may use the "needs" grant as financial blackness to be done not what the lead of the done not what the lead international operations. One international operations for the done not what the lead international operations. Government considers "needs" international operations. Cur-to be done, not what the local electors want to do. "Need" requirements declared by city

munity charge in the first this for new buildings, and some of their college provided that this for new buildings, and some of does not become an additional or burden on the professional or burden on the professional or burden on the professional or managerial worker who is trying 10 further his children's large ("monster") buildings, only two first rate amenities in Woking, a library and a swiming 10 further his children's line of that matter, its own survival as a viable alternative government.

S. John Mizel.

Letters to the Editor

education but who, because of interesting to note how many his income, receives little, if of the foreign companies who any, assistance from the Government in the form of student choose to locate them in comgrants. MPG supports the pro-position that those with two homes should pay an additional "community charge" in the MPG generally supports the

Green Paper as a constructive attempt to improve payment for

Buildings in the City

From Honor Chapman.

Sir,—Most of us would readily agree with C. Douglas Woodward's view "Buildings in the City," (December 15) that "... new buildings must have

electors want to do. "Need" requirements declared by city should not be need to carry out Government policies or to fulfil Government objectives.

In all, although MPG supports the Government proposals, it is the Government proposals, it is present time. In addition, we are aware of serious interest and greater Government con-

paratively small refurbished buildings in conservation areas!" This is a misleading and erroneous interpretation of events. Many foreign banks and securities houses who set up representative offices and branches resentative offices and branches in the City are small by definition and are also faced with limited choice of property—they have to compromise and secure accommodation in refurbished buildings. He fails to consider how quickly many of these foreign companies have grown in recent years. Most foreign banking and securities establishments which set up offices in the City during the 1960s and 1970s have grown in employment and space terms.

Many have exhibited rapid growth and are now seeking new office buildings greater than 100,000 sq ft.

Honor Chapma Jones Lang Wootton, Kent House, Telegraph Street, EC2.

Beastliness

in Woking From Mr M. Rothwell Sir,-Your feature on the

property investment policies of Norwich Union (December 19) will have fascinated the scores of thousands of people who have seen that company lay waste at least one community, Woking. In the space of a very few years an unremarkable but pleasant little Victorian town has been systematically levelled. Norwich Union has thrown up over its bones an agglomeration of coldly commercial architectural beastil-ness.

As a result a considerable

population has nothing to enjoy but several million square feet of onice space, much of which wary of greater centralisation and greater Government control. We believe that local electors should control their own affairs, although this may be a groundless of perfection in a situation in which 42 per cent of local authority costs are met by Government, since the person who pays the piper always, to some extent, calls the tune.

MPG generally accepts that students should pay a common to the companies contemporate of munity charge in the area of munity charge in the area of their college provided that this does not become an additional does not become an additional more development. The standard pay a companies contemporate of mainly second-league retailers, no central hotel, no proper centre for the young (except pubs), no theatre, no cinema... In a word, no soul. Two new developments are that over two-thirds of this tunn a retail desert into a mall, £8m is to be spent on draping grey, concrete shopping barracks with a kind of glass and cannot be brushed and wrought iron Georgian parrot cage, so transforming the offensive into the ludicrous.

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MPG generally accepts that students should pay a common of the femand for large buildings, and some of their college provided that this does not become an additional does not become an additio is standing empty, a hotchpotch

ming pool, are to be razed and a gigantic office development, put in their place. Unfortu-actely the details ref. this pro-posal are still extremely vague; the local authority cares as little for public consultation as the developers for the normal civic decencies.

Mr Martin Olley, Norwich told you: "We support town centre shopping as a way of protecting against inner city decay." That is a surprising decay." That is a surprising comment from a company that is notorious locally for having turned Woking into a non-place—bereft of life, warmth or history, and fast becoming the architectural laughing stock of

southern England. Like many other people who live near Woking but have to go to Guildford to find good shops in a human townscape, I anops in a miman townscape, I have no axe to grind other than sadness and indignation. Much more of Mr Oiley's highly principled development and we shall form a Woking Union and go and ravage Norwich. M. G. Rothwell.

Friers, Guildford Rd, Биттеу.

Ideological swamp

From Mr S. Mizel

Sir,—Claims made by Labour leaders that they will put to work im unemployed in their first year of government, must be a commitment of political recklessness,

They may have in mind that period of full employment under Labour, in the aftermath of World War II. This was in-the circumstances of a devastated Europe and a Britain both starved of capital and con-sumer goods for five years or more.

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Company Notices ...



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Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Viking Resources international N.V. has been called by the Manager, Caribbean Management

The meeting will take place at John B. Gorsira-weg 6, Willemstad, Curação, Netherlands Antilles on January 23, 1987 at 15.00 p.m.

The agenda includes, inter alla, a proposal to amend the Articles of Incorporation of the Company. The agenda and the proposed amendments are available for inspection at the offices of the Company at John B. Gorsiraweg 6, Willemstad, Cureçao or may be obtained from the Paying Agent mentioned hereunder.

Shareholders will be admitted to the Meeting on presentation of their certificates or of vou-chers, which may be obtained from the Paying Agent against delivery of certificates on or be fore January 16, 1987.

Willemstad, Curação, January 2, 1987 CARIBBEAN MANAGEMENT COMPANY Paying Agent: Pierson, Heldring & Pierson N.V. Herengracht 214 1016 BS Amsterdam

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FINANCIAL TIMES

Friday January 2 1987



Austin Rover seeks £400m injection

AUSTIN ROVER, the UK volume car company, is seeking a cash injection of more than £400m (\$587m) to cover losses and fund new invest ment under the Rover Group corporate plan submitted to the Government just before Christmas.

The company has also decided to save £100m on its investment programme by opting to update the present Metro small car rather than pressing ahead with its planned full eplacement, code named the ARS. Austin Rover, which suffered a first-half trading loss of more than

580m, looks set to double that figure after a disappointing second half just ended. In that period its UK market share continued to slide.

The Government, in order to enable the Rover Group to increase its borrowings from the private sector, is thought to be considering a finan-cial reconstruction that could involve writing off debts incurred by Leyland Trucks and Unipart, the motor components subsidiary. This is in addition to any cash injection for Austin Rover.

The size of the overall contribution to the group required from the Government has yet to be deter-mined. A key question in ministerial discussions about the Rover Group plan over the coming weeks will be the role to be played by Hon-

Austin Rover has reached agreement with Honda to develop jointly a new middle-range car, codenamed the AR8, but there are also hopes within the Government that the Japanese company might take a 20 per cent equity stake in the volume cars operation.

Payment for such a stake could involve Honda assuming develop-ment and tooling costs for the new car rather than a cash injection.

Mr Graham Day, personally ap-pointed Rover Group chairman by pointed hover Group chairman by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, is in a strong negotiating position. But the Government will want to weigh carefully any financial recon-struction in what is likely to be an

There is a risk that some Conservative backbenchers might object to further state aid for the loss-

making vehicles group.
On the other hand, any package ture for the volume cars operation and preserving jobs in the dependent component companies in the

Mr Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary, may have given a pointer with an announcemen just before Christmas that the outstanding debts of Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine company, are effective-by to be written off before privatisa-

tion later this year. Such a move would be logical for Unipart, currently being sold under a management-led consortium. The component supplier, according to the latest available account at the end of 1985, had an interest-free loan of £73m from the parent com-

Similarly, Leyland Vehicles, including the truck and bus operations, showed an interest-free loan

Leyland Trucks is currently in talks with Daf of the Netherlands about further collaboration and with Paccar of the US, which is considering a bid.

A financial reconstruction heralding the return of much of the Rover Group to the private sector and an apparently secure future for the volume car company, albeit at a cost to the public purse, could be po-litically attractive for the Govern-

Mr Day's corporate plan contains a hard-headed appraisal of market prospects for the volume cars com-

pany. Dealers have already been told that Austin Rover is projecting a UK market share of less than 17 per cent for 1987. That compares with the 1986 target of nearly 19 per cent and an actual performance likely to see the company achieve little more than 16 per cent.

World Weather

Brussels seeks clamp on Japanese components

BY CARLA RAPOPORT IN TOKYO AND QUENTIN PEEL IN BRUSSELS

sidering plans to clamp down on so-called "screwdriver type" assembly called "screwdriver type" assembly operations within the EEC which rely heavily on cheap imported components, especially from Japan.

Under a first draft now being cir-culated to the 12 member states for their reactions before any formal proposal is made to the Council of Ministers, anti-dumping actions against specific products would also apply to components for those prod-

The proposal is already causing serious concern to Japanese expor-ters. If implemented, it would force an increase in the local content of products manufactured in Europe by Japanese companies and pre-vent their circumventing anti-dumping duties by exporting parts the EEC subsidiaries of Japanese rather than finished products.

and industry executives are expected to protest strongly against the proposal, arguing that it would be a strong disincentive to further Japanese investment in Europe. Such in-

vestment has been accelerating rapidly, largely due to anti-dumping duties threatened or imposed on finished products such as electronic typewriters, photocopiers and hy-draulic exavators, and because of the effects of the rising value of the

yen on export margins. EEC companies such as Philips, the Dutch-based electrical and electronic goods manufacturer, and even Ford, the motor manufacturer, have complained to the Commission that Japanese parts greatly ex-

Japanese government officials rates and thus can undercut compe titors in the European market.

The European Parliament has also called for action to close what is seen as the loophole in anti-dump ing actions presented by such as-sembly plants, by extending duties to include parts as well as finished

Officials in Brussels confirmed this week that the measure was under serious consideration and had already been discussed with the member states before drafting a first proposal.

"There is a problem, that is clear," a senior official said. "If anti-dumping duties are applied on a certain product, it is quite easy to circumvent the measures by setting up a local assembly plant. If 90 per cent of the parts are produced in Ja-

Paris concessions fail to win over striking railway workers

BY GEORGE GRAHAM IN PARIS

striking workforce failed yesterday to win an end to the two-week-old conflict cripping the French railway

Mr François Lavondes, the mediator appointed earlier this week by the Government, announced that the controversial plan to introduce new merit-linked pay scales had

The plan, one of the main bones of contention between the strikers and the management of SNCF, the national railway company, had pre-viously been suspended. Mr Lavondes said the management's plan was no longer under discussion but that talks would be held with the aim of agreeing on a new pay struc-ture which would balance promotion on merit and on seniority. The withdrawal of the plan and

EEC sets

scene for

lower duties in Spain.

US trade row

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Between the two sides, the gap

maximum import need of 1.6m

tonnes for all suppliers – including

Argentina, the other major source.

fear the commercial battle could

On the other hand, both sides

face strong political lobbies to take

aggressive action. European farm-

ers are under severe pressure to

agree drastic reforms of the guar-

enteed price system in the Common Agricultural Policy and will be furi-

President Reagan faces a Demo-

prices have already taken a dramat-

siders at the same time.

spill over into the political arena.

FURTHER CONCESSIONS to the the offer of improved working conditions and increased rest days, however, showed little sign of satisfying the strikers. Rail services were reduced yesterday to their lowest level since the strike began, with only 40 trains expected to leave Paris stations.

Railway workers' co-ordinating committees remained sceptical over whether the project to link pay more closely to merit had been completely abandoned and they continued to press their demand for an improved pay offer.
But while the Government has

been willing to give ground on the question of structural reforms, it is sticking to the line it has drawn on public-sector pay rises. It is trying se within a limit of per cent in 1987. Mr Edouard Balladur, Minister of

New Year's Eve that the social conflict now hitting France should not lead anyone to believe there would be any change in the Government's economic policy.

Blaming the weakness of the French franc in the foreign exchange markets on the buoyancy of the D-Mark, Mr Balladur said he was ready to take "any measures at all to defend the franc," but there would be no change in economic policy and no devaluation.

In a half-day of trading on New Year's Eve, however, the French currency slipped closer to its floor within the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary Sys-

The franc was quoted as low as FFr 3.3136 to the D-Mark, compared with its EMS floor of FFr 3.3303.

Holmes à Court raises offer for HWT group

BY OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

THE AS2bn (\$1.33bn) takeover bat-tie for Herald and Weekly Times than the notes or convertible shares dustrial products, which now face (HWT), the Melbourne-based newspaper and broadcasting group, took a fresh turn yesterday when Mr Roremains very wide in spite of bert Holmes à Court, the aggressive Australian entrepreneur, raised his months of negotiations. The US is seeking sales of some 3m tonnes a year for its feedgrains while the offer for the group by 50 cents to ASIS 50 a share EEC says it can countenance a The new terms come a week after

Mr Holmes à Court's original bid of A\$13 a share, which itself was a response to an A\$12-a-share offer earlier last month from Mr Rupert Murdoch, the Australian-born media entrepreneur.

Arrangements agreed in a truce last July, by which the EEC promised to buy 234,000 tonnes a month while negotiations contin-The latest move in the battle between two of Australia's wealthiest businessmen for control of HTW inned, expired on December 31 - although maize imports negotiated creases the pressure on the target under the arrangement will carry on until the end of February. day to decide on the bids. Mr Mur-Neither side can afford a bruising trade war, with the EEC budget already hopelessly overspent and President Ronald Reagan also struggling to bring his budget defi-cit under control. Diplomats also

News Corporation to carry a more

than the notes or convertible shares in J. N. Taylor Holdings, a little-known quoted investment compa-

In apparent response, Mr Holmes à Court's new bid, made through icits in three consecutive : Taylor, offers HWT shareholders since 1983-84, but the Govern nine Taylor convertible notes or preference shares for every five HWT shares. The initial bid on

Court has eased the conditions of his offer by requiring acceptance of only 52 per cent of shares compared with 90 per cent previously. This had been considered an obstacle for Mr Holmes à Court, as Mr Murdoch already has 12 company's board, which meets to- Mr Holmes à Court, as Mr Murdoch

than Mr Murdoch's, analysis con-tend. He has also made clear that sidered the bid from Mr Murdoch's his offer will not be raised although News Corp officials were not availattractive alternative to cash - able for comment yesterday

China students in mass protest over arrests

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Dozens of Dazibao - hig charac-ter posters - appeared at Peking communist leaders, whose mes-University on Tuesday, despite the threat of five-year jail sentences for of direction are somehow being crat-controlled Congress with a pro-tectionist majority and an angry Farm Belt in the Mid-West, where recent years of depressed grain ic toll of farm incomes. Hopes for higher industrial exports will hard-ly pacify those lobbies, US officials he Chinese masses".

The students certainly support

and another suggested that "by wrong", and accused people of shedding our blood we can awaken breaking away from the party. Anthe reform program led by Deng Xiaoping and complain that it is moving too slowly. They also sense that
Deng and his fellow reformers are

said "some of our comrades have
paid little attention" to basic communist principles in "the past two
years": "This merits our close attention."

those guilty of spreading "counterrevolutionary" material. One poster
told the Government to take note of
the demise of the former Philippine
President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos,
are unable to tell right from

other senior official, Chen Pixian, said "some of our comrades have

Riyadh budget projects deficit of \$14bn

SAUDI ARABIA'S long-delayed budget, published on Wednesday, is the first in the Kingdom's history to project a deficit and envisages a revenue shortfall in 1987 of the

equivalent of \$14bn, amounting to 31 per cent of planned expenditure. Revenue forecasts are based on an oil price of \$18 a barrel set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries at its conference in Geneva last month, but income from the all-important sector has evidently been estimated with cau-

Income projections are conserva-tive in so far as sverage oil produc-tion is assumed to be 3.87m barrels a day compared with the 4.11m b/d quota given to Saudi Arabia under Opec's latest output sharing pact. The expected deficit of 52.72bn ri-

yals is probably less than the actual deficit in the 1985-86 fiscal year ending last March, which could have reached SR 70hn. Bankers are confident that the Kingdom's much reduced but still substantial reserves can meet the cost of what will be the Kingdom's fifth consecutive year in the red. Total expenditure forecast is far

higher than had been generally ex-pected. Its size - and the fact that the Government has been willing to acknowledge publicly the need to draw on reserves - was seen by analysts as an emphatic sign of King Fahd's determination to contain deflationary pressure on the Saudi economy. These economic pres-sures can only strengthen the Kindom's insistence on maintaining oil prices at around \$18 a barrel in line with the strategy decided on by Opec, they believe.

Saudi budget compares with one of SR 200hn originally set for 1985-86 when actual dishursements amounted to SR 181hn, according to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy – meaning that the cottin spending, if the 1987 target is fulfilled, would be 6 per cent.

The shortfall will be covered by further descriptions of the free of the first of the fir

further drawing upon the foreign assets held by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, At the last pub-lished count at the end of May 1986 these were put at SR 363.38bm, or been further run down over the past nine months. Probably no ny, which Mr Holmes à Court is of- more than half total is in the form of liquid assets.

icits in three consecutive years has never before projected one. Abandonment of any pretence at a tight fiscal is clearly aimed at reviv-

doch has given HWT until today to shares.

accept his offer, worth A\$1.6bm.

Both entrepreneurs have been innounced that it would not draw up any spending programme at all for first offer was higher in each terms.

Mr Murdoch has said be will not at 1986.

One reason for King Fahd's insis-tence on Opec re-establishing a sys-tem of fixed prices based on a central reference of \$18 was because Riyadh wanted a reasonably firm revenue forecast on which to base a budget for 1987. It will be the first one laid down for a Western calandar year, although it has been officially designated as covering 1407-08 under the Islamic system.

Oil revenues for 1987 have been estimated at SR 65.195bm, or \$17.38bm at the current rate of exchange of 3.751 to the dollar set in June following the 2.7 per cent devaluation. The calculation is conservative, taking account of domestic consumption of petroleum products smounting to more than 300,000

Oil revenue is projected as pro-viding only 55 per cent of total fi-nance compared with 77 per cent in

Manpower development is the sector least affected with the SR 23.72bn set aside for it only 1 per cent less than under the last bud-

SIB early warning rules set out

blems faced by investment businesses are reported swiftly was announced on Wednesday by the Securities and Investments Board, the financial services watchdog. The system took the form of the last set of the board's draft rules. It has two main elements,

Firms will have to inform the board by telephone or telex if they breach its capital-

AN EARLY-WARNING system adequacy rules and by letter stances which should be to ensure that financial proif failure in accounting systems brought to its attention.

makes it likely they will breach businesses are reported swiftly its conduct of business, clientmoney or financial-regulation rules.

rules.

They will also have to notify the board if auditors qualify annual reports, spot weaknesses in internal control systems or are changed for any reason. If auditors resign or are dismissed they will have to write to the board telling it whether there are relevant circum-

The government should have acted a year ago to crack down on insider trading, according to Mr William Carmichael, Scottish Stock Exchange chairman. He attacked critics of the Stock Exchange in the wake of recent City scandals and said members themselves had been hard at work providing infor-mation about questionable

THE LEX COLUMN

Projections on a moving screen

New Year readings of the market tea-leaves are almost always exercises in hindsight, more than any pretence at forecasting. For obvious and forgivable reasons, what can be said about the year to come has a habit of resembling what one would like to have said about the year just gone. Analysis learn from their mistakes but inevitably extrapolate from their experience.

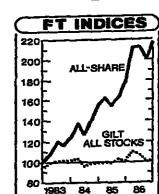
For at least the last two or three years, that has led to expectations of a mixture which is boringly - if rewardingly – the same as before. Growth (we have tended to say to curselves) is only too likely to taper off below budget, but at least the financial substructure of the corporate economy is sound, and so is the rest of the scaffolding which sus-tains the bull market falling inflation and a reasonable compro between future inflation and present output.

Straight lines

In the UK, if not elsewhere, that has meant that companies have generally managed to deliver some form of pleasant surprise to share-holders. Earnings growth has been extrapolated in a straight line for longer than most genuine profit models could justify, and when the earnings progression has shown signs of faltering, finance directors have managed to squeeze dividend cover and keep the market anticipating future growth (at least in dividends).

As a map of the UK corporate scene, that probably remains the picture to keep in mind. The map-ping may just be done with a ruler with or without the refine cent growth in corporate earnings on which we have come to rely is in the brokers' books once more. At At SR 170bn (\$45.33bn), the latest | very high real discount rates (even Saudi budget compares with one of with the UK's relatively rapid infla-

guish 1987 tea leaves from other re-cent vintages is risk. In terms of the world environment and of domestic



rate earnings picture has to be projected against a more volatile back-

Volatility

Since the Plaza accord of 1985, if not longer, hopes for the expansion of world activity have been based on the gradual move towards a new equilibrium between the surplus root. and deficit currencies - and particu-larly on the establishment of a dol-lar/yen parity that went some dis-tance towards balancing the US/ could be achieved – even to a modest degree - the US might be en-edged - to look on 1987 with a sea-ahled to resume its historic role as sonal glow. Though the institutions the world's locomotive economy. At stand to be deluged once more with worst, the twin deficits would by privatisation stocks (British Airstages come under control as the ways, British Airports, Rolls-Royce, stages come under control as the ways, British Airports, Rolls-Royce, devalued dollar choked off the leak-the BP holding . .), it is clear that age of US demand into increasingly the slant of fiscal policy points to

ensive imports. The problem of the faltering locomotive - the US economy - may revenues are rising very nicely, now be exaggerated by fallout from the Irangate affair, Boesky and the undermining of the junk-bond of net funding that has to be done method of corporate finance. A through the rest of this fiscal year politically compromised is in no pite the precipitous drop in petroway a heinful influence. It remains leum tax revenues - that a pre-electron cut in income tax seems virtu-Myazawa pact, the US will stagnate and the Japanese export sector will is not wild thinking to imagine a bour costs, the main element of year where the political background spells profit stagnation (at best) in the two largest economies.

In normal circumstances, equity markets might look to the mone-tary authorities to help out with internationally competitive lashings of cheap money. But there is no real sign of a Keynesian counter-revolution. Moreover, the pendulum of de-regulation has been halted - if not actually reversed - by the transatlantic atmosphere of financial scandal. Thus, it takes no great imagination to see the "steady as she slows" policy of the recent Euro-pean summit being reinforced by a new wave of financial, if not fiscal,

A coming general election in the UK, where the Government may be as much under attack for letting the City rip as for failing to restrein un-employment, is another question-able influence on the markets. Only if the Labour Party preoccupation with non-nuclear defence decisively destroys the opposition in the opinion polls will the looming election become a positive force for gilt-edged or equities. As yet, pre-election nerves have scarcely taken

Deluge

From a narrow electioneering ese trade account. If that perspective, however, there is every be achieved - even to a mod-reason for UK equities - if not giltedged - to look on 1987 with a seawards the polling booth.

On the latest news of the PSBR, lame duck presidency that has been is already looking so modest - desen/dollar cross, after the Baker- ally assured. The only serious question on this score is whether there will be time to pass the Finance Bill achieve volume without margin. It before election day. Rising unit la-

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2nd January, 1987





SECTION II – COMPANIES AND MARKETS

FINANCIALTIMES

Friday January 2 1987



Fermenta shares suspended indefinitely

By Kevin Done, Nordic Correspondent in Stockholm

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TRADING in the shares of Ferments, the deeply troubled Swedish antibiotics and animal health group, is to remain suspended until further notice.

At a crisis meeting of share-holders on Tuesday the company stunned investors with the announcement that it had been forced to cut its forecast for 1986 profits (after financial items) to only SKr 40m (\$5.8m) compared with the SKr 700m. compared with the SKr 700m forecast as recently as late October, following the discovery of a series of irregularities and improper transactions in the

improper transactions in the accounts.

Mr Bengt Ryden, the director of the Stockholm Stock Exchange, said that the financial information delivered by Fermenta was so scanty and uncertain that it was still impossible to make a correct valuation of the shares.

the shares.
The trading halt would continue at least until the company had furnished further information and until an examination by the Stock Exchange's own auditors into Fermenta had been completed.

The board of the Stock Ex-change is expected to meet soon cange is expected to meet soon to consider Fermenta's future as a listed company in the wake of the chaotic events that have enveloped the company and its now ousted chief executive and former main shareholder, Mr Refaat El-Sayed, during the last 12 months.

12 months.

The debacle has sent shock waves through the Swedish industrial and financial establishits reputation abroad. Mr Ryden has proposed that a special com-mittee of inquiry be established to examine the many issues raised by the Fermenta affair.

First Chicago to acquire **Beneficial National Bank**

FIRST CHICAGO, the major US banking group, is to buy Beneficial National Bank USA. the credit card operation of the struggling Beneficial consumer finance concern, for \$247m cash in one of the largest purchases of a US credit card business.

The deal follows last month's announcement by Beneficial, the country's second largest consumer finance operation, that it would drastically reduce its business after attempts to sell the company failed. Beneficial described the agreement with First Chicago as "the first and a very significant phase" of a restructuring plan first announced in August.

Beneficial National Bank's main business is issuing Visa and MasterCard cards. Of its \$1.1bn in assets at September 30, \$1bn were credit card account receivables, making it the 12th largest issuer of bank

30, \$1bn were credit card of the Beneficial business comes account receivables, making it the 12th largest issuer of bank credit cards in the US.

First Chicago said it was the fifth largest issuer of such cards with \$3.4bm in outstanding balances on its First Card accounts. The bank expects to complete the purchase in the second quarter of 1987. "We will then fold the Beneficial operation into our existing credit card operation," said Mr Leo Mullins, executive vice-president for consumer banking operations.

\$1.5\text{A substantial portion} of the Beneficial business comes from variable interest rate cards, which the Illinois bank does not have because they are prohibited under state laws. The acquisition by First Chicago follows the purchase in 1982 of Bankers Trust's accounts.

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For First Chicago, the deal represents an opportunity to broaden its range of credit card products. A substantial portion of the Beneficial business comes

Shearson launches late deal

BY CLARE PEARSON

Morgan Stanley International aimed to lead the final issue of the year during the morning with an innovative issue based on the \$4bn floating rate note (FRN) for the UK, issued last September. The two-tranche issue was created by separating out the principal and interest oo \$300m of the FRN.

new collateralised mortgage run out. It pays interest at obligation (CMO), based on London interbank bid rate mortgages of the US Federal (Libid) less an 1 per cent, also mirroring the UKFRN. The first coupon is fixed at 61 per cent.

THE RACE was on in the Eurobond market on Wednesday to launch the last deal of 1986.

The issue is in the name of a

The issue Is in the name of a special purpose vehicle called Splits (Separate Pass-Through Libor Interest Transferable Securities). The principal is represented by a zero coupon tranche, priced at 72½ and redeemable in

September. The two-tranche issue was created by separating out the principal and interest oo \$500m of the FRN.

Later, however, Shearson Lehman Brothers International announced it was launching a declines to zero as the coupons

The issue may be exchanged There was little market for an equivalent amount of reaction to Morgan Stanley's the underlying FRN if the deal, as many dealers were investor presents both tranches.

Taken together, the two tranches should track the price of the FRN, which trades close to par. The value of the zero coupon element will rise sharply if interest rates move down, while the value of the coupon note will respond to the opposite movement in interest rates.

The cost of the combined

issue, less the full fees, amounted to 991. The UK FRN was quoted at around 99.30. quoted at around 99.30.

No prices of either tranche were available on Wednesday.

Shearson Lehman's \$112.48m issue, for Shearson Lehman CMO, has a final maturity in 2018 but, based on the issuer's assumptions about the repayment of the underlying mortages its average life to 21. gages, its average life is 84 years. The par-priced issue pays interest at three-month London interbank offered rate plus i per cent. Fees total 50 basis points.

USX to take \$300m charge

USX, the US steel and energy concern known formerly as \$300m extraordinary charge to 1986 earnings due to the planned redemption on March 1 of its Marathon Oil unit's 12½ per cent guaranteed notes, due March I 1994.

The charge arises from the elimination of unamortised original issue discount assooriginal issue discount asso-ciated with the notes. The early redemption will retire teh entire \$2.9bn outstanding of the notes and was described by Mr David Roderick, USX chairman, as a key element int he com-pany's restructuring efforts, saving \$140m a year in financial costs.

More International company news on Page 21

Goodyear disposal Goodyear Tire & Rubber hargest US tyre concern, is to sell its Motor Wheel unit, based in Lansing, Michigan to a group led by the segment's management. Terms were not disclosed.

The sale is part of Good-year's previously announced restructuring programme. Motor Wheel employs about 3,400 people. Separately, Goodyear has sold a package of property assets to SunCar Development. a unit of AZP Group for \$221m.

Transworld liquidation Transworld Corp, the US hotels and food services group, is to go ahead with a plan to liquidate the company. Its Hilton International unit, due to be sold to UAL, parent of United Airlines for \$250m, will be distributed to a liquidating trust.

Solel Boneh subsidiary sold to Bank Hapoalim

SOLEL BONEH, the major pany maintains that following Israeli civil engineering contractor, has sold a subsidiary to Bank Hapoalim, its largest creditor, for \$90m, in a deal which has boosted the debt-widden accompany's pany maintains that following it has "realistic estimates of realisable value."

Hapoalim has asked Bank Leumi Solel Boneh's second largest creditor, to participate ridden company's recovery prospects.
The sale, concluded on Wed-

The sale, concluded on Wednesday and one of the largest
made in Israel in recent years,
will reduce Solel Boneh's
accumulated debts by an estimated 20 per cent. It will allow
it to fulfil the asset-sale deadlines imposed on it by a recovery programme agreed with
the Government and the banks
several months ago.

cause they feared that otherwise cause they feared that otherwise under the pressure of deadlines Solei Bonch would have been forced to sell its assets at unrealistically low prices. They referred to the deal as an "elegant solution" to the problems of a company and its creditor,

largest creditor, to participate in the deal, and is awaiting a response.

Solel Boneh, once ranked among the top half-dozen con-tractors in the world, suffered accumulated debts by an estimated 20 per cent. It will allow it to fulfil the asset-sale dead-lines imposed on it by a recovery programme agreed with the Government and the banks several months ago.

The recovery programme required Solel Boneh to sell off these holdings gradually.

The price, according to the tractors in the world, suffered a harsh blow last week when Mr Moshe Zanbar, the chairman. Tresigned in protest at demands by the Histadrut, the glant inbour federation which controls the company, that management should fulfil its commitment to pay wage increases in spite of sell off these holdings gradually.

The price, according to the

Tan Sri Khoo hotels well ahead

jumped by 67.6 per cent to \$\$24.5m (US\$11.2m), although turnover fell slightly to \$\$379.2m. The increased profits came from higher operational profits, increased investment income, and lower taxes, which result from the Singapore

The directors said they expect the coming year to be difficult because of the continued opening of new hotels in Singapore. which has a massive glut of by Khoo family interests, on which has a massive glut of thotel rooms, although they expect some relief due to measures recently taken by the government oboost the industry.

Seized and closed the NBB, which was 70 per cent owned by Khoo family interests, on November 19, charging that pect some relief due to measures recently taken by the government to boost the industry.

THE publicly traded Singapore hotel interests of Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, who has become enmeshed in a financial tangle involving the National Bank of Brunei and the Brunei Government, reported a strong profit growth in the year ending September.

After-tax profits at Tan Sri Khoo's Singapore fiagship, the Goodwood Park Hotel group, jumped by 67.6 per cent to The directors said they expect Goodwood Park Hotel and Goodwood Park Hotel and Sodwood Park owns three to the Stock Exchange of Singapore that the National Bank of Brunei had acquired 15.91 per cent of Goodwood's paid-up capital, and 8.14 per cent of Hotel Malaysia, pore that the National Bank of Brunei had acquired 15.91 per cent of Goodwood's paid-up capital, and 8.14 per cent of Hotel Malaysia. These shares were investments of the National Bank of Brunei, most of which were held by nominees. Registration of the ahares in the name of the NBB is now incomplete.

In 9 months, Manchester has delivered 30 new arrivals (and departures).



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> **OPENING OF A SHORT TERM COMPARTMENT** AND REMOVAL OF THE EXIT FEE

The société de gestion d'EUROPE OBLIGATIONS adopted at its September 26, 1986 Board meeting, in agreement with the fund custodian, a revision of the prospectus of EUROPE OBLIGATIONS, the change taking effect on January 1*, 1987. The main feature of the revision is the opening of a short term compartment in the fund. The fund will then include:

 a snort term compartment, offering an ECU short term performance. - a long term compartment, composed of the present fund,

Furthermore, the exit fee will be removed at the same date. The fund will now have the following denomination:

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Luxembourg.

Sarakreek cancels London listing

Sarakreek, an Amsterdam quoted US property investment company, has cancelled its London listing for fear that the quotation could make it liable to new US tax legislation.

The company invests in income-producing commercial real estate and manages a portfolio valued at \$318m. It said its decision to delist was prompted by the passing of legislation in the US which could subject it to new taxes unless it could show that its shares were primarily and rearcome-producing uniess if could show that its shares were primarily and regu-larly traded on a stock ex-change in its country of resi-dence—that is, the Netherlands.

"While the company's mangement is convinced that its agement is convinced that its shares are indeed primarily traded on the Amsterdam stock exchange, the unavailability of official statistics on trading volume on the London exchange makes it imperative in the management's view that the company's shares be delisted, thereby removing any possible thereby removing any possible source of contention," Sara-

kreek said. The London stock exchange aid it was at a loss to under-tand Sarakreek's decision. Dealings in the company's shares were permitted under Rule 535.4, which specifically relates to listings for companies where the majority of the shares are traded outside the UK

"If there had ever been any question of London becoming the predominant market for Sarakreek, the Stock Exchange would have intervened. All the company need have done was to send its tax office a copy of the rule."

Wyndham profits up in first half

Wyndham Group, with interests in steel fabricating and investment properties, in-creased its first-half profits by £5.000 to £51.000 and said it vas hopeful of a satisfactory full year.

The BMW motor franchise for Cardiff and most parts of Glamorgan had been granted and this division should be fully operational by mid-

Furthermore, the engineer-ing order book was back at a high level and the financial services division was continuing to meet its required figures. Turnover for the half year to September 30 1986 improved from £798,000 to £1.23m.

Earnings amounted to 2.33p (2.1p). The interim dividend is a same-again 0.8p net per

Warner Holidays

Warner Holidays turned in vastly improved results for the year ended September 30 1986, with the pre-tax profit moving ahead from £79,000 to £1.04m.

ahead from £79,000 to £1.04m. Gross revenue improved only from £15.11m to £15.79m. During the year Grand Metropolitan sold the company to Mecca Leisure Group, a new company formed by management and funded by a group of institutional investors. institutional investors.

John Mowlem

John Mowlem has succeeded in its buy-and-liquidate bid for Glasgow Stockholders' Trust. The construction group announced that it had received acceptances from 82 per cent of stockholders, representing just over 79 per cent of the voting rights. The cash alternative has now closed but the share offer has been extended to January 13.

B&C offers for Exco and Steel are unconditional

British & Commonweakh, the diversified investment and transport group headed by Mr John Gunn, has announced that its two recommended bids—for received in respect of 11.2 per overseas trading company Steel Brothers and for Exce, the money broking group — had become unconditional.

In the case of Exce, B & C shares.

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Exco's shares. With Steel Brothers, the board also recommended Three other major institu-acceptance, and less than a tional shareholders — Scottish native.

Blackwood Hodge, the earth-

moving and mining equipment supplier, has made its first US acquisition—the Illinois-based Roland Machinery, purchased for a minimum of \$11.25m.

Roland distributes a wide

range of earth-moving equip-

ment, including that of Komatsu, which currently has

a 15 per cent market share in the US.

Since 1982, Roland's turnover has increased from \$10.7m to

\$16.9m, while pre-tax profits

Simon, is a leading fire-fighting aerial ladder and tower manu-

facturer supplying 20 per cent

Simon is also paying, not ing equipment market.

Willis Faber buys US

Willis Faber, insurance The consideration will be in broker, has acquired McAlear the form of cash, with a further

Bryson Oil rights result

Aberfoyle buys out minority stake

As part of its strategy of consolidating its Zimbabwe investments, Abertoyle Holdings held by Globe investment Trust to buy out the minority interests in subsidiary Wester Investments. Assets being acquired are valued at \$3.3m in June

interests in subsidiary Westar Investments.

Westar is a holding company for the 70 per cent stake Aberfoyle has in GMHL Investments,

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dividend.

broker for £12.5m

Associates, a surplus lines broker based in Grand Rapids,

Michigan, for \$18.5m (£12.5m).

McAlear, which was previ-ously owned by Harleysville

Group, made pre-tax profits of \$3.7m in 1985 and had net assets of \$760,000 after payment of dividends. The move

strengthens Willis Faber's US

of the US market.

BY PHILIP COGGAN

In the case of Exco, B & C was able to claim to control more than 50 per cent of the shares when it launched its for the Lebanese Gargour family 1655m bid in late-November, having received irrevocable in Steel Brothers and has been acceptances from two major shareholders—Tan Sri Khoo on Wednesday evening that it Teck Puat and First City Financial. By the end of 1986, rity stake and seek to improve acceptances had been received the offer terms. It has held a in respect of 65.5 per cent of Exco's shares. Brothers since the early

Blackwood Hodge in US move

The initial cash consideration will be \$7.25m and further pay-

ments of \$4m will be paid over

the next three years. In addition, up to \$3.25m will be pay-

Since 1983, Blackwood has

Simon in £1.4m US acquisition

Polly Peck share transactions

MR ASIL NADIR has been used registered Restro said that it Restro gave its "own refinanc-the City during this seasonally had sold 775,000 Polly Peck ing arrangements" as the reason for the transactions. Mr Nadir. Polly Peck's chair-

in Polly Peck International, has raised £272.250 through a series of shares sales and purchases.

In a statement the Jersey
In the packaging, mineral water, textiles and electronics group. Almost all, 28.37m, of these shares sales are owned through involved was given. However,

sum of not more than \$1m pay-

able depending on McAlear's

For the year to December 31

1986, after tax profits are not expected to differ materially from those reported in the previous year and will be paid to

the vendors in the form of a

British Empire Securities and

General Trust has an interest in 1,188,700 new ordinary shares

minority being bought out is held by Globe investment Trust (14.8 per cent) and Electra investment Trust (12.7 per

brokerage income in 1987.

formance.

dependent on profits per-

though Blackwood Hodge con-siders that the market value of programme

month after launching the 190m Amicable, Scottish American bid—in early December—B & C Investment Company managed claimed control. By Wednesh by Stewart Ivory and the Co-op day, acceptances had been — had also not accepted by received in respect of 11.2 per Wednesday night.

Tanween is now employing Schroders to represent its case, and the bankers said they did not believe the gap between the two companies was large. However, Barings, which is advising B & C, said that no meetings were planned for the New Year, and pointed to the evental capitulation of the tual capitulation of the Lebanese minority sharehold-ings when Blue Circle took over Armitage Shanks in 1980.

On Wednesday, it was an nouced that Mr Philip D'Angelo, an American director of Exco. had sold 1.59m shares at 259p each - 6p below the cash alter-

rights issue.

The group said yesterday that though UK export and domestic markets had been weaker than envisaged, most other areas were trading satisfactorily in the second half in local currency

SHARES IN Pincapple Group, the USM-traded dance mudio and marketing group headed by Ms Debbie Moore, were suspended on New Year's Eve at 72p at the company's request.

The official announcement said only that the suspension was "pending publication of a circular letter." Pincapple is thought to be poised to announce a major acquisition, probably in the consumer services line, early in the New

The company raised f2.1m in a rights issue last May, and reorganisation of its traditional fitness and fashion interests helped halve losses in the year to end-July. Directors have forecast a return to engine in the current trading profits in the current trading

Pineapple

share deals

suspended

SHARES IN Pinosppie Group

By Nikki Talt

In November, Pineapple also announced the acquisition of golden Key Promotions, a sales promotion incentives scheme company, at a total cost of £3m of which £500,000 was payable

MAI lifts stake in LCAH to 29.3%

Net assets at the time of purchase were approximately \$6bn, though Blackwood Hodge con-MAI has increased its stake in London and Continental Advertising Holdings to 29.3 siders that the market value of Roland's rental equipment was considerably higher than book value.

The initial cash consideration will be \$7.25m and further payper cent.

The financial services and advertising group on Monday bought a further 500,000 LCAH shares at 115.3p. This compares with its 118p cash offer for the ontdoor poster group, and yes-terday's unchanged price of

Rentokil expansion By Alestair Adams

Rentokil Group, the UK's largest pest control contractor, has acquired Hygiene Management Services and its trade Simon Engineering, currently fighting off a £173m management "buy-in" from Valuedale, has bought Ladder Towers of the US for an initial cash payment of \$2.1m (£1.42m).

Ladder Towers, according to Simon, is a leading fire-fighting to severe than 1991, \$3.4m in cash for property and assets Samuel, Simon's advisers, said the year to August were estimated at the August were estimated at \$400,000. For the current year a figure of \$1m was expected. Mr Anderson said Simon had been engaged in talks with LT are in North America and the a considerable time ago and Mr Martin Anderson, of Hill name Disposan from Crest

Nicholson.

Providing a dual sanitary dressing disposal and sanpro vending service to industry and commerce, Disposan will be integrated with Rentokil's Sanitact division which generated around 10 per cent of the group's total revenues in 1985 are in North America and the acquisition completed a stage of Simon's strategy in gaining ing the acquisition had been a presence in the US firefighting equipment market. and a larger proportion of profits. Rentokil believes that a great range of services will strengthen Sanitact's share in a UK market which the company currently values at £15m and further enhance its expansion oversess. ..

Hodgson Welsh link

By Clay Harris that Restro Investments, the private company through which he holds his commanding stake in Polly Peck International, has raised £272.250 through a series

Hodgson Holdings has added the first Welsh links to its grow-ing chain of funeral directors. The Birmingham-based group is to pay \$306,250 for Augustine I Stone and William Ham, two Cardiff funeral directors under common ownership. Hodgson forecast that the acquisitions would add another 500 funerals to take the group's annual total over 8,000.

The company was now on course for 1986-87 turnover at least 30 per cent above the £2.6m forecast for the year ended October 31, 1986.

Unilever

Unilever yesterday announced that it had completed its \$3.1bn or \$72.50 a share agreed tender offer for Cheesebrough-Ponds,

Included in the deal are the

tillery at Bowling, Dunbarton shire, together with a wide snire, together with a wide selection of international trademarks, cased stocks and a substantial portfolio of matured single malt and grain whiskies.

Barton Intl As a result of a management

As a result of a management buyout, Mr Ian Lockwood, former marketing director of Amalgamated Distilled Products, the drinks division of the Argyll Group, has acquired various assets and the international export business of Barton International.

Buyout at

Glen Scotia Distillery in Camp-beltown, and the Littlemill Dis-

the US cosmetics company.
Approximately 95 per cent of shareholders have tendered their shares. Remaining share-

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Guaranteed Floating Rate Notes Due 1996

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in accordance with the provisions of the Notes, notice is hereby given that the Rate of Interest for the next 6 months' interest Period has been fixed at 61 per cent per annum. The Coupon Amounts will be US\$331.77 for the US\$10,000 denomination and US\$8,294.27 for the US\$250,000 denomination and US\$8,294.27 for the US\$250,000 denomination and WII be payable on 6th july, 1987 against surrender of Coupon No. 4.
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Notice is hereby given that for the interest Period from January 2,

1987 to April 2, 1987 the Notes will carry an interest rate of 61/16% per annum. The coupon amount payable on April 2, 1987 will be US\$1,640.63 and US\$164.06 respectively for Notes in denominations of US\$100,000 and US\$10,000.

January 2, 1987 The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY—Indices of industrial production, manufacturing output (1980=100); engineeting orders (1980=100); retail sales volume (1980=100); retail sales value (1980=100); registered unemployment (excluding school leavers) and unfilled vacancies (000s). All seasonally adjusted.

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OUTPUT—By market sector; consumer goods, investment goods, intermediate goods (materials and facis); engineering output, metal manufacture, textiles, leather and clothing (1980—100); housing starts (000s, monthly average).

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EXTERNAL TRADE—Indices of export and import volume (1980=100); viable balance; current balance (£m); oil balance (£m); terms of trade (1960-100); official reserves. -124 +1,587 +2,411 -440 +1,445 +1,900 -232 +664 +1,833 129.5 124.8 116.3 124.1 118.9 127.9

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FINANCIAL—Money supply M0, M1 and sterling M3, (three months' growth at annual rate) bank sterling lending to private sector; building societies' net inflow; HP†, new credit; all seasonally adjusted. Clearing Bank base rate (end period).

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INFLATION—Indices of earnings (Jan 1980=100); hasic materials and fuels, wholesale prices of manufactured products (1980=100); retail prices and food prices (Jan 1974=100); Reuters commodity index (Sept 1931=100); trade weighted value of sterling (1975=100).

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† From January 1966 includes an

SPONSORED SECURITIES

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It is emphasised that no application has been made for these securities to be admitted to listing.

SCANRO HOLDINGS PLC

(Registered in England No. 66627)

£1,029,666 7.75 per cent. Convertible Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each at par by way of rights to holders of Ordinary Shares

Details of the above securities will be contained in the new issue cards to be circulated in the statistical service maintained by Extel Statistical Services Limited.

Extel Statistical Services Limited.

Copies of the particulars relating to the issue may be obtained from the addresses below during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) up to and including 16th January, 1987 and also from the Company Announcements Office, The Stock Exchange, London EC2 during the two business days following the date of publication of this ratice.

Brewin, Dolphin & Co. 5 Giltspur Street,

Astaire & Co. Limited 117 Bishopsgate, London EC1A 9DE London EC2M 3TD Strauss, Turnbull & Co. Limited 3 Moorgate Place, London EC2R6HR

2nd January, 1987

UK APPOINTMENTS

Portals Holdings managing director

LADIES PRIDE has appointed Mr K. J. Nerman as chairman and chief executive. He joined the group as financial director and secretary in 1974 and succeeds Mr F. A. Robson, who has retired. Mr N. J. Tarratt has been appointed secretary.

THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF

PLANT BREEDERS was formed on January 1 by the merger of The Plant Royalty Bureau and the British Association of Plant Breeders. Elected to the board

are: Mr Martin Clucas, chairman; Mr A. S. Guthrie, Mr D. A. Randali, Mr D. J. Barner, Mr D.

Mr James W. F. Rucker has

heen appointed managing direc-tor of NAAFI, the Forces trading organisation. Mr Rucker's last appointment was director opera-tional requirements (land) at the Ministry of Defence. He succeeds Mr Brian E. Whitaker, who was managing director for nine years.

COMMERCIAL UNION has

appointed Mr Earry West as head of general insurance (Lon-don market). He will be respon-sible for planning and implement-

sible for planning and implement-ing a major review of CU's involvement in all areas of the London non-marine insurance market, including the reinsur-ance market. Mr John Bird will succeed Mr West as head of general insurance (commercial insurances), and Mr Kric Green-wood will succeed Mr Bird as regional manager. London.

CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT has appointed the Earl of Westmoriand its chairman. He has been a director of Crown since 1978 and a director of its Canadian parent since 1977. Lord Westmorland succeeds Mr Alan Merson, president of Crown Life Insurance Company in Canada. Mr Morson well remain a director of Crown Financial Management.

At THE BRITISH AVIATION INSURANCE COMPANY, Mr H. C. J. Vines, a director, has resigned. Mr A. R. N. Rateliff, chief executive of the Eagle Star Group, has been appointed a director in his place.

regional manager, London.

At PORTALS HOLDINGS Mr
John Lloyd has been appointed region. Previously Lea Valley managing director. He joined the Portals Group in 1971. Within Portals he has occupied a number of senior positions in the water treatment and paper making divisions before being appointed deputy managing and chief executive. He joined appointed deputy managing director in May 1985. Mr. John Mather, the present managing director, who is due to retire in 1989, becomes an executive director and will undertake

appointed managing director of CHLORIDE AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES (CABL). He joins Chloride on January 5 from Betee where he has been managing director for the last three years.

Mr Nigel Whittaker has been Mr Nigel Whittaker has been appointed chairman of the CON-FEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY'S distributive trades pamel in succession to Mr John Salisse. Mr Whittaker is chairman of B & Q and a director of Woolworth Holdings.

MURRAY LAWRENCE & PARTNERS states that as non-marine syndicate No. 362 has increased in capacity Mr Richard J. R. Keeling has decided that, to desire more time to the syndi-J. R. Keeling has decided that, to devote more time to the syndicate, he should relinquish his day-to-day responsibilities as active underwriter of syndicates No. 852 and 825. Therefore, Mr David P. Foreman has been appointed active underwriter for non-marine syndicate No. 852 and Mr David E. S. Shipley active measurements for non-regions syndicate No. 852 and Mr David E. S. Shipley active productions of the contraction of the underwriter for non-marine syndicate No. 825. from January 1.

From January I Miss Elaine D.
Williams joins the board of
TRANSFERRY SHIPPING COMPANY. She is a barrister and
will be responsible for all legal
and administration metters. Mr
William H. Pitcher, international
marketing, and Mr Charles
Sheldon, general operations to
France, have been appointed
associate directors from the same essociate directors from the same date.

At LAZARD BROTHERS AND CO. Mr R. J. Fielden has retired as an executive director but remains a director.

mr Greg Dyke, the director of programmes at TVS Television, has been appointed as an executive director of TELEVISION SOUTH, the holding company for the TVS Group.

has appointed Mr John Morgan as director and general manager of its retail credit finance opera-tion, Lombard Tricky Finance.

Mr Gooff Burdet has been appointed deputy regional director of NATIONAL WESTMIN-the Knok Group.

PUBLIC NOTICE Union Bank of India and

Bank of Baroda

NOTICE is hereby given that, with effect from 1st January, 1987, the business and (subject to limited exceptions) assets of the United Kingdom branch of Union Bank of India in London, have been vested in Bank of Baroda and (subject to limited exceptions) Bank of Baroda has from that date assumed full responsibility for the liabilities of such branch of Union Bank of India. Enquiries arising in relation to the affairs of the above branch of Union Bank of India should be addressed in the first instance to:

Mr. D. J. Pereira, Chief Manager, Bank of Baroda

31-32 King Street, London EC2V 8EN Telephone: 01-606 4224 Telex: 884609 Dated: 2nd January, 1987 Bank of Baroda

GROUTE REDOUTE

Extracts from letter to shareholders from Mr Patrick Pollet.
Chairman and Managing Director I am pleased to announce that both the volume of activity for the first six months and profits for the aame period have moved in that direction and that the programs achieved up to the end of August should be maintained for the entire year, after adjustment for the serious incident concerning "Confert Familial." Redoute group consolidated turnover for the first six months amounted to F5.305 million (up 10.3% on a comparable basis) and set profits to F30.3 million (up 9.6%). A detailed breakdown of these figures gives the following:

net first half profit up 21% at 10.3 million.

The restructuring costs for Editions ROMBALDI and the DANS UN JARDIN companies will be contained within the amounteed limits.

Generally speaking, the sutumn-winter asset got off to a flatter start than was initially expected. By Rovember 30, 1996, consolidated asless were up 11.5% at FB.500 million which means we can anticipate revenue growth of 10% over the whole year and, most important of all, a return to the profitability levels of previous years.

I remain resolutely confident about the future of the Redoute group. My direct colleagues and the staff who head the group subaldiaries where this resolute.

National Home Loans
Blue Chip Interest Rate
for the period from 1st January to 31st March 1987 is:

FOR HOUSE PURCHASE 12.25% APR 13.0% FOR REFINANCING 12.75% APR 13.5%

For further information contact:

The National Home Loans Corporation plc St. Catherine's Court, Herbert Road, Solibull, West Midlands B91 3QF. City of London Office:

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Pacific Dunlop Limited

Ordinary Shares of A\$0.50 each Authorised 800,000,000 Issued and fully paid 428,336,993

Based in Melbourne, Australia, Pacific Dunlop and its subsidiaries (the "Group") is a major Australian international manufacturing and marketing group with manufacturing facilities in 12 countries and a marketing network represented in over 60 countries. Group companies manufacture power and telecommunications cables, batteries, tyres, latex medical examination and surgical gloves and other latex dipped products, polystyrene and polyurethane products, clothing. footwear, bedding and sporting goods. In addition, the Company has the largest tyre retail network in Australia and New Zealand and the largest electrical wholesale and distribution network in. Australia.

The Council of The Stock Exchange has granted permission for all of the company's issued Ordinary Share capital to be admitted to the

> Credit Suisse First Boston Limited 22 Bishopsgate London, EC2W 4BQ

Official List. Dealings in such shares will commence today, Friday, 2nd January, 1987. The Ordinary Shares of Pacific Dunlop are already listed on the Australian Associated Stock Exchanges, the New Zealand Stock Exchange and are registered in the United States of America in the form of American Depositary Receipts.

Listing Particulars relating to Pacific Dunlop are available in the Extel Statistical Service and may be obtained during usual business hours up to and including Tuesday, 6th January; 1987, from The Company Announcements Office, The Stock Exchange, Throgmorton Street, London EC2 and on any weekday (Saturdays excepted) up to and including Friday, 16th January, 1987 from the registered office of Pacific Dunlop, at 23rd Floor, 500 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000 and

Cazenove & Co. 12 Tokenhouse Yard London, EC2R 7AN

2nd January, 1987

NOTICE OF MANDATORY PARTIAL REDEMPTION

Province of Quebec

US\$150,000,000 12¹/₄ per cent Bonds 1994

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that in accordance with Clause 6(b) of the Terms and Conditions of the Bonds, US\$5,000,000 principal amount has been drawn for redemption at their principal amount, through the operation of the mandatory sinking fund, on the next Interest Payment Date being 1st February, 1987, when interest on the Bonds will cease to accrue.

Principal amount outstanding after such redemption will be US\$140,000,000. The serial numbers of the Bonds drawn for redemption are as follows:-

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Repayment of principal will be made upon presentation of the Bonds with all unmatured Coupons attached, at the offices of any one of the Paying Agents mentioned thereon. Accrued interest due 1st February, 1987, will be paid in the normal manner against presentation of Coupon

Bankers Trust

Company, London. 2nd January, 1987

No. 3, on or after 1st February, 1987.

Agent Bank

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EWORLD VALUE OF THE POUND

table below gives the latest available rate of exchange for the pound against various currencies on December 31, 1986. In some cases rate is nominal, ket rates are the average of buying and selling rates except where they are shown to be otherwise. In some cases market rates have been calculated from those of foreign currencies to which they are tied.

na similable; (F) free rate; (P) based on U.S. delter partile; I rate; (ch) convertible rate; (in) financial rate; (exC) exc (e) official rate; (sg) selling rate; (c) controlled

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US Producer prices 63.00-86.50 cents per pound. Total Turnover, 20,400 LEAD

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GOLD Gold rose \$1% to \$380%-391% on the London bullon market on Wednasday. Sentiment was helped by overnight gains in New York end a weaker dollar. There was some buying to square positions ahead of the New Year holiday, but trading was very quiet. The metal opened at \$390%-390% and was fixed in the morning at \$390.90. There was no afternoon fixing.

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Silver was fixed 1.65p an ounce lower for spot defivery in the London buillon market yesterday at 337.8p. US cent equivalents of the fixing levels were: spot 528.16c, up 0.65c three-month 535.5c, up 0.5c; six-month 543.5c, up 0.7c; and 12-month 558.3c, up

Cash high/low 363p. SOYABEAN MEAL

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Turnover: 127 (203).

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US MARKETS

on the world market and a larger than expected US November trade deficit com-

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Barley Fut. Mar. £113.48 +0.55£114.65 Malze £142.00£146.00 Wheat Fut. Mar.£113.16 -0.55£113.80 No. 2 Hard Wint. 1

Old crop wheat saw first trades at unchanged levels before finding light country and shipper selling which eased values alighaly. The major features throughout the day were large shipper to shipper trades and shipper crosses in the March position, together with a 50 lot shipper to shipper Jan/March switch and a 50 lot cross in the May position. Values remained fractionally easier. Old crop berley merket was reglected apert from very limit at flat buying and Jan/March switching. New crop markets tound very little flat trading but did trade a 20 lot Sept/Nov wheat spread and a 20 lot Nov wheat/barley apread, reports T. G. Roddick.

BARLEY -0.10 -0.95 -0.95 -0.10 +0.06 -0.10 110.80 -0.95 113.45 -0.95 114.90 -0.10 100.15 +0.95 108.90 - 105.95 +0.05 +0.05 +0.05 Jan. 108.00 105.85
LONDOW GRAINS US dark northern spring No. 1 15 per cent Jan 100.75. Feb 103.25, March 103.50, US No. 2. acft. red winner Jan. 104.75 quoved. Franch 171-72 per cent Dec 140.50. English-fleed fob Jan 115.00-118.00, Feb 116.25-118.75, Warch 177.00.117.76 buyers/sellers. Malze: US No. 3 yslow/Franch transhipment east coast Dec 142.00. Barley: English feed fob Jan 116.30-117.00 buyers/sellers. Business done—Wheet Jan 110.80-10.10, March 113.20-2.70, Mmy 115.40-5.15, July 117.85-7.55, Sept 107.05, Nov 102.50, Jan 106.00. Sales: 202 lots of 100 tonnes. Beriey: Jan 110.75-10.60, March 113.40-3.25, May untraded, Sept 100.20, Nov 102.95, Jan untraded. Seles: 196 lots of 100 tonnes.

SUGAR

Sales: 519 (1.424) lots of 50 tonnes
Tans and Lyle delivery price for granulated besis auger was £200.5 (£202.50) a tonne for export.
International Sugar Agreement—(Utents per pound fob and srowe Caribbean ports.) Prices for December 30: Daily price 5.42 (6.50); 15-day average 5.57 (5.52).

FREIGHT FUTURES | Close | High/Low | Prev. 710/715 746/750 650/651 760/754 740 780/785 660/662 750 699

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RUBBER

RISE in crude oil prices

November trade deficit combined to weaken the dollar and produce marked rallies in most futures marked rallies in most futures markets, reports Drexel Burnham Lambert. Commission house, light trade buying and local short-covering helped crude oil futures advance to the \$18 level, basis February, but year-end book squaring and local long liquidation prevented any penetration of overlying resistance between \$18.00 and \$18.05 and major stops at \$18.10 were not stops at \$18.10 were not threatened. General short-covering touched off com-mission house stops as gold broke overlying resistance at \$463-1, basis February. A brief profit-taking decline was quickly halted as fresh buy-ing emerged. Silver and copper both followed gold and oil, and in platinum

local involvement in buying platianm against gold saw prices penetrate overhead resistance at the \$475 level basis April. In the soft mar-kets both cocoa and coffee featured year-end book-squaring and overspill buy-ing in relatively light ing in relatively light volume. In sugar futures commission house characters

commission house short-cover-ing and very light trade buy-ing was sufficient to hold the market steady. Cotton futures traded higher on commission house short-covering follow-ing a rise in the A-index, but trade selling at the highs stifled any major move.

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were floated in the summer; the merchant bank's former head of securities operations. Mr Geoffrey Collier, currently awaits trial on

insider dealing charges. Guinness, meanwhile, eased to 287p before closing a penny cheaper at 289p, following a turnove of 2.7m shares. Elsewhere, the major clearers ended the year on a fairly buoyant note. Favourable Press comment

note. Favourable Press comment ahead of the forthcoming dividend season and reports of a pending bullish circular induced renewed support and helped Midland adv-

ance 12 more at 606p and Lleyds add 8 afresh at 445p. Barclays rose 6 at 514p as did NatWest at 548p.

results on January 29, closed 2 up

Lloyds Broker C. E. Heath, a depressed market of late following a staff defection to Citicorp, rallied

a stan defection to theory, rained 4 at 4349. Elsewhere in Insurance, Pearl moved up 18 to 1588p, follow-ing details of the 60 per cent increase in new premium income to £181.5m last year.

An otherwise lacklustre session

in Breweries was highlighted by Whithread A which advanced 7 to

270p reflecting talk that a broker's bullish circular is in the offing

Business in the Building sector remained in low key, but the undertone was basically firm and

the leaders managed modest gains where changed. Barratt Develop-ments, recently the subject of a

chart buy signal, hardened 2 to 158p, while AMEC continued firm-

ly and closed a penny dearer at 271p. BPB Industries were a shade better at 531p, but Tarmac were unaltered at 422p. Among the second liners, Wettern Brothers

gained 6 to 141p awaiting news of the recent bid approach; RMC, mentioned as possible suitors, hld

a near 30 per cent stake in the company. Countryside Properties, annual results due on January 7, added 2 to 478p, while McCarthy and Stone added a like amount to

buying out minority partners in its Vodasone cellular telephone net-

work in a £111m cash and shares deal, added 4 more at 192p. STC, on

the other hand, cheapened a cou-ple of pence at 174p following news of the surprise decision to omit STC from the dominant new Euro-

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New Year investment recom

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The UK securities markets saw the Old Year out in grand style as gains in oil prices and in sterling strengthened the City's confidence in the outlook for domestic interest nt the outlook for domestic interest rates in 1987. However, business faded away at mid-session as traders squared positions ahead of the New Year break which began at noon on Wednesday in many Continental

as ½ point in surprisingly good turnover. After a slow start, equities followed suit, led by financial issues, which looked optimistic ahead of the dividend and profit eason which opens in January.

At the close, the FT Government securities index showed a gain of 0.10 at 83.62. The FT-SE 100 index, at 1679.0, gained 5.9, and the FT ordinary index added 5.3 to 1313.9. The FT All Share index ended 1986 at a new

Traders said, "There were no sel-lers in the gilt-edged market," where yields on long dated issues slipped years on long-caser issues supper to 10.36 per cent. Firmness in ster-ling appears to have offset worries that January could bring a return of the traditional currency crises of

by the strong start in dealings for the new index-linked Government stock, although index-linked (IL) issues are often bought as an inflation hedge. The new stock, a 2½ per cent Treastry 2024, opened at £2916, moving up to its partly-paid price of £30 before closing a shade off the top. Dealers commented that a single fund buyer had been identified in the market-place, and that little other business

In equities, oil share prices continued to move up in thin trading as crude prices firmed. The active fea-ture was Britoil, which recorded turnover of 7m shares as Brent crude prices dicked above the

ertide prices (licked above the magic \$18 a barrel mark. Financial issues, beneficiaries from lower money market rates, were wanted again. Pearl Assurance, however, lit no bonfires with its trading results, which opened the sector's reporting sector.

sector's reporting season.

There was a further fall in Morgan
Grenfell shares after the bank resigned as financial adviser to Guinness, the troubled brewing group facing a Trade Department inquiry. This week's rally in Guinness shares was stopped in its tracks as the market awaited developments.

Morgan Grenfell down

Fears that further resignations or dismissals over the Guinness affair would follow the sudden departure of corporate finance director, Mr Roger Seelig, prompted renewed weakness in the belong religious to close a net 8 easier on balance at 362p, a far cry from the 500p level at which they

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Firmness in sterling and oil prices brings confident

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Government Secs	83.62	83.52	83.25	83.14	82.96	82.79	94.51 (184)	80.39 (20/1)	127.4 (9/1/35)	49.18 (37.75)
Fixed Interest	89.72	89.60	89.53	89.77	89,72	88.82	97.68 (7/7)	86.55 (23/1)	105.4	50.53 (3/1/5)
Ordinary 🕈	1,313.9	1,308.6	1,307.1	1,301.2	1,294.7	1,138.5	1,425.9	1,094.3	1,425.9	. 49.A (26/6/40)
Gold Miges	288.9	298.2	299.0	299.6	308.9	257.5	357.8 (22/9)	185.7 (1877)	734.7 (15/2/83)	43.5 (26/10/71)
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recommendation, which advanced 15 to 230p. Edhra, the subject of a newaletter tip, moved up 12 to 130p, while Weir Group, recommended by Strauss, Turnbull, edged up a couple of pence more to 123p. Tace resained 15 further to 410p. regained 15 further to 410p.

Among Food Retailers, Argyll, the favourite to acquire Safeways' UK supermarket operation, hardened 2 to 321p. Tesco firmed 5 to 396p and ASDA-MF1 added 3 to 157p. M6 Cash and Carry firmed 2 to 105p. Hillsdown, largely reflec-ting the efforts of a single buyer, rallied 7 to 218p, while Bassett gained 12 to 200p on revived

BICC up again

A resurgent BICC featured the Electrical majors with a fresh gain of 9 at 2700. Racal, still responding to the deal whereby the company is akeover hones Trustheuse Forte continued to attract buyers and edged up 2 more to 179p, but Grand Metropolian softened a few pence to 457p. Elsewhere in Hotels and Caterers, Garfunkels moved up 5 to 163p and Kennedy Brookes added 5 to

Traf. House improve

Interest in the miscellaneous industrial leaders remained at a pany which will be formed by the rger of the telephone interests merger of the telephone interests of ITT of the US and CGE of France. Among secondary issues, Narhain advanced 15 to 83p and Prestwick added 9 at 60p after revived speculative support, while Multisene continued to reflect a New Year interestment recomlow ebb, aithough Trafalgar House low ebb, although Trafalgar Heuse were a relatively active market (2.1m) and closed 45 to the good at 260p reflecting bid rumours, 270p amid continuing recovery hopes, while PHikington, reflecting 100p. Residential property developers Bradferd were 4 higher at shade firmer at 665p. Elsewhere, Williams Holdings continued to reserved to recent Press mention. respond to recent Press mention and gained 8 more to 570p. Just GEN, up 5 at 273p, but there was little else worthy of note in the Engineering leaders. Interest re-vived in Clyde Blowers, a New Year Rubber moved up smartly to 77p for a gain of 9 following a newsletter

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flurry left Henry Beet 15 to the good at 285p, but Wyndham Group met fresh selling after the interim statement and gave up 2 more to 131p. Profit-taking clipped 7 from Ipeco at 106p. Demand continued for AAH, up 7 further at 278p and Patitish Accounts 5 better at 518p. British Accesspace, 5 better at 516p; the latter still reflecting US orders worth around £60m announced earlier in the week. Sale Tilney were

firm at 206p, up 8.
US influences coupled with some domestic support helped Jaguar rise 6 further to 537p while Lucas Industries gained ground on a mid-week newsletter recomndation to close 5 up at 478p. AE

Home Counties forged further ahead and closed the old year at a peak 275p, but Associated Newspaper drifted back to 408p. Abbott Mead Vickers were again the firmest Advertising Agency issue, rising 5 more to 228p, while Geld Greenlees picked up 4 at 185p. USM-listed Mess Advertising gave up 3 at 85p and Thorac were loup 3 at 85p and Thorpac were lo-The Property leaders did little more than mark time, but selected

secondary issues attracted bovers. ping declared its agreed offer for Steel Bros unconditional on Bros unconditional on Wednesday with a controlling stake of nearly 59 per cent but B and C shares surrendered part of

but the sector's outstanding performer was Early's of Witney which continued this month's good run on property hopes to close 12 up at a best-ever 175p. Robert H. Lowe were also favoured at 148p, for a spin of 5

Smith New Court's admission that it may have broken company law with a financal incentive scheme for directors touched off revived after a lengthy spell of small selling of the stock and the inactivity and ended better at 255p. price reacted to 150p before enHome Counties forged further ding down at 151p. In contrast ahead and closed the old year at a mong Financial Trusts, Frest peak 275p, but Associated Newspapof 128p. Investments Trusts moved narrowly with Northern Securities, 232p, and Strata Investments, 148p, recording gains of around 4.

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The oil majors made useful prog-ress as spot prices edged above the \$18 a barrel level in the wake of the recent Opec agreement on prices and quotas. British Petroleum

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

NEW HIGHS AND LOWS FOR 1986

higher at 180p.

Golds give ground

pence to 502p, while JCI fell over 2 points to £71½, and "Amgeld"

finished 1½ off at £47¼. London-registered Financials, in contrast,

responded to the relative strength of domestic equities. Consolidated Gold Fields, additionally buoyed by

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Given the extremely subdued conditions prevailing in the underlying securities, traded option volume held up remarkably well. Total contracts struck amounted to 18,132, comprising 11,673 calls and contracts of figure almost three gained 8 to 728p and Shell rose 8 to 988p. Britoil were an active market 989. Britoti were an active market and finally 2 higher at 171p while Ultramar hardened a couple of pence to 160p. Elsewhere, Burmah revived strongly and gained 13 to 387p. Sovereign put on 4 to 37p.

Bid speculation continued to assist Inchcape, up 8 more at 511p, while Lourbe improved to 249p on talk of American interests building further stakes and also on dividend hones; the annual results are due 18.132, comprising 11.673 calls and 6,459 puts. a figure almost three times the business transacted on the same day in 1985. Dealers reported above average interest for British Gas. British Telecona and TSB, with 2,084, 1,536 and 1,575 trades done respectively. The FT-SE 100 index also attracted a fair measure of year-end hedging with hopes: the annual results are due early in 1987. Polly Peck emerged from a rather lean spell to close 5 measure of year-end hedging with 1.143 calls and 382 puts struck

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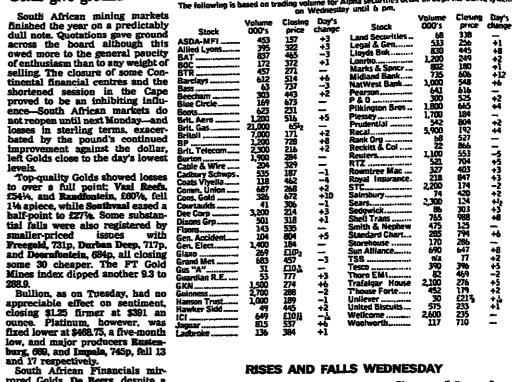
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TRADING VOLUME IN MAJOR STOCKS

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NYSE COMPOSITE CLOSING PRICES **AMEX COMPOSITE CLOSING** 1495 464 1555 118 డలను తెలుగు కార్యాలు \$ 13-16 \$ 5-5 DepGity Derby Derby Derby Derby Derby Derby Derby DisgPr Derby | Handaris | Tattiber | 1964 | 1964 | 1965 | 1964 | 1965 | 1964 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | 1965 | | Premis | 1.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2 | Section | Sect VaEEP pi7.25
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